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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Bulls And Bears

FEW will quibble with the generalisation that gradually rising share prices in a basically sound economy are indicative of the fundamental health of industry and commerce—even a growth in the national prosperity. For the share market trend is one of the many cogent factors considered in any assessment of economic situation in a free enterprise state.

The spiral of rising share prices in Wall Street, and to a lesser extent in London in recent months, is generally regarded as evidence of a basic soundness in the economies of the two countries. The casual observer may wonder, however, whether a similar deduction is possible from the Hongkong market trend with share prices now standing at their highest levels for 12 months. In that event, an examination of the market is necessary.

Invariably, special circumstances and particular local influences tend to operate to a greater degree than usual in a community like Hongkong. One, for instance, might cite the extreme case of local prejudice. No well-informed observer of the share market would venture to say it affected trends as a whole to any marked degree, but the influence cannot be entirely discounted. This is but one example.

AGAIN, where the investor-public is comparatively small—as it is here—jobbers' operations can, and often do, play a large if not dominant part in the day's trading. The trend therefore is not always a true reflection of public sentiment as such.

The interested reader will have noted that present buoyancy is largely ascribed to "inward remittances" of capital from various parts of Southeast Asia. Either because of unfavourable taxation rates or because of political or economic insecurity overseas, these investors find our Colony a haven for their wealth and our shares a sound source of investment.

Another important factor in the share market rise in Hongkong is that other forms of investment and speculation, such as real estate, gold bars and American dollars at present warrant attention only from the very wealthy. Daily movements on the gold and dollar exchange are positively minute compared with those to be obtained on the Stock Exchange where some shares have added the virtue of yielding as much as ten per cent. on outlay.

It is difficult to make precise allowance for these influences, but if the share market trend is seen in the context of the general economic situation it will be found that there are a number of encouraging developments which augur well for the future.

These are all inter-related; and all inter-act. Thus, trade prospects are brighter; industrial development is moving ahead at a smart pace; new buildings are rising all over the Colony; millions of dollars are pouring in from Southeast Asia; these are some of the pointers to prosperity.

The conclusion must be then that despite the imponderables, there is a fairly clear reflection of our present economic strength in the share movements of the year—and the omens continue to be good. A setback (which is inevitable) should not be misinterpreted by the public. It will be a perfectly normal reaction, a natural correction which will eliminate neither confidence nor the market's essential strength but will rather be a spur to fresh demand and a signal for revived interest.

# PLAN FOR GERMANY APPROVED

## Western Policy At Geneva

### BASED ON EDEN'S VIEWS OF 1954

Bonn, July 5.

Proposals for a Western policy on Germany at the Geneva conference were finally approved by experts of four Western powers meeting here this evening.

The meeting, presided over by Professor Wilhelm Greve, head of the Political Department of the Bonn Foreign Office, included representatives of the United States, Britain and France.

A Government spokesman said the experts had agreed on Western proposals to secure all German unity on the basis of free elections. He added no further announcement would be made about the Group's deliberations, the results of which must now be forwarded to the Governments concerned.

According to authoritative sources here the plan is in principle a new edition of the Eden plan produced at the Berlin conference in February 1954, which set out a procedure and time table for uniting Germany through free elections.

It will be incorporated into the final Western plan of action for Geneva at a meeting of the three Western allies in Paris on July 8. West Germany will be consulted in decisions taken there, it is understood.

#### DISARMAMENT PLAN TOO

London, July 5.

The Big Western powers were reported tonight after agreement on a "little disarmament plan" for halting the East-West arms race in Europe.

The plans call for a census of arms and armies maintained in Europe by East and West and an agreement to cut down these forces in phases.

It provides, too, for the creation of demilitarised or "neutral" zones where there would be either no troops or only national troops. Several of these ideas were said to be connected with other aspects of Allied plans for a continental security system.

They will be co-ordinated finally by a group of American,

British and French experts meeting in Paris between July 8-14 and considered by the Western Foreign Ministers at a Paris conference on July 15.

The West considers it possible, even in the absence of any early decision to reunite Germany, to arrange first some sort of system and, later even a cutback in rearmament both in East and West Europe.

Developments in atomic and nuclear research have served to underline that no control system yet devised would be foolproof if a nation was bent on secretly manufacturing and hiding weapons of mass destruction or the components of such weapons.

—Associated Press.

### MURDER TRIAL PERSONALITIES



These pictures show the leading figures in the Dusseldorf murder trial in which Sergeant F. Emmett-Dunn (wearing a beret above) is seen masquerading as a Military Police sergeant. He is charged with the murder of a fellow sergeant, Reginald Waters, who is seen in the picture below with his former wife, Mla. She is now married to Emmett-Dunn. — London Express Photos.

## ITALIAN CRISIS OVER: NEW CABINET FORMED

Rome, July 5.

Professor Antonio Segni, left-wing Christian Democrat, told the President of the Republic tonight he had formed a new cabinet, thus bringing to an end Italy's 13-day political crisis.

He asked Signor Giovanni Gronchi, the President of the Republic, to give him until tomorrow to present his list of ministers in the new pro-Western Government.

Professor Segni was reported earlier today to be in difficulties over filling the Foreign, Interior and Education portfolios after a last-minute clash between the four centre parties over the distribution of power.

The left-wing Christian Democrat and author of Italy's Land Reform bill was formally charged on Saturday with setting up a centre coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans.

#### REPUBLICANS

#### PROMISE SUPPORT

The four-party leaders agreed after a 16-hour session yesterday on a programme for their prospective Government which would succeed that of the resigning premier, Signor Mario Scelba.

Tortuous negotiations to bring all four centre parties into the cabinet suffered a last-minute check when the small Republican Party decided to stay out.

But it promised its support in Parliament, thus giving the new cabinet a majority on paper of 309 in the 480-member Chamber of Deputies.

Key ministers in the new cabinet are likely to be: Premier and Interior Minister—Antonio Segni; Vice Premier—Giuseppe Saragat (Social Democrat)—no change; Foreign Minister—Gaetano Martino (Liberal)—no change; Defence—Paolo Emilio Taviani (Christian Democrat)—no change; Budget—Ezio Vanoni (Christian Democrat)—no change.

The Christian Democrats are expected to have 15 portfolios, the Social Democrats 4 and the Liberals 3.

#### TWO SMALL

#### DIFFERENCES

There were likely to be two minor differences between the new Government and that headed by Premier Scelba which had been virtually paralysed by internal dissension in the last few months of its life.

These were:

1. Parliamentary backing by the Republicans who withdrew their support from the Scelba Government four months before it fell.
2. The entry into the Government of one or two leaders of a strong right-wing group in the Christian Democrat party which was directly responsible for Premier Scelba's fall.—Reuter.

## FRENCH KILL 13 ALGERIA REBELS

Algiers, July 5.

Thirteen rebels were killed in four savage clashes with French-led soldiers in Algeria, the authorities said today on the 125th anniversary of France's conquest of Algeria.

The authorities alerted 150,000 troops throughout Algeria to thwart any attempt to create more disorder.

The nationalist rebels ordered a nationwide strike to "mourn" their country's conquest, but there were no immediate reports of trouble.

#### BEGAN ON SUNDAY

One battle between the rebels and soldiers started late on Sunday night when the soldiers intercepted a band of about 50 rebels moving south. The soldiers opened fire but the rebels slipped away under cover of darkness, leaving three dead on the battlefield.

French soldiers pursued the rebels and yesterday morning killed four others.

In another clash in the El Milla sector, three rebels were killed. A fourth was shot down when he tried to flee.—United Press.

#### AMBUSH

Constantine, July 5.

Gabriel Maury, brother of a chief inspector in the Constantine prefecture, was ambushed.

#### CYPRUS TALKS

#### Greece Says 'Yes'

Strasbourg, July 5.

Greece has accepted Britain's invitation to attend three-power talks with Turkey on Cyprus, a joint British-Greek communiqué said tonight.

The announcement followed an hour's talk in a hotel here between the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, and the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr Stephan Stefanopoulos, on arrangements for the talks.

Questions by reporters after the meeting Mr Stefanopoulos said that he was "moderately optimistic".

He said that so far he and Mr Macmillan had talked only of "wishes and hopes" and details of the proposed conference. They had not discussed the Cyprus problem itself.—Reuter.

## Britain Agrees To Closer Ties With Malta

By JAMES WICKENDEN

London, July 5.

The British Cabinet has agreed in principle to Malta's requests for closer ties with Britain.

Sir Anthony Eden is expected to announce this next week. But he will probably emphasise there are obstacles to the George Cross Island immediately becoming part of Britain with its own members of Parliament.

The problems he is expected to say are economical rather than constitutional.

Two alternative plans are still being considered.

One envisages gradual integration with Britain over 15 years ending with Malta being divided into three constituencies with members in the House of Commons.

The other stresses the economic development of Malta with the setting up of a Malta Office in London and an annual grant to the island of about £2 million.

Soon after Cabinet adopts its final plan, Prime Minister Minoff is expected to hold a plebiscite in Malta to seek a two-thirds majority approving his plans. This is needed before the constitution can be altered to provide for integration with Britain.—London Express Service.

### Why Join Quit

Paris, July 5.

The French independent newspaper, "Le Monde" said today that Marshal Alphonse Juin withdrew from the newly-created "co-ordinating committee on North Africa" because the Government failed to give him the assurances he asked for regarding French Moroccan policy.—France-Press.

### Second Baby For Opera Star

New York, July 5.

The Metropolitan Opera singer, Patricia Munnell gave birth to her second child, a son, at Hamilton, Bermuda, last night, her agent announced here today.—United Press.

## HOLIDAYS OVER: DIPLOMATS ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES

Washington, July 5.

Big Four consultations in preparation for the Geneva conference "were stepped up here today after Washington's long Independence Day weekend.

This morning British, French, and United States diplomats discussed with the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, Mr Sergei A. Stuzhakov, plans for a joint Big Four secretariat to handle the practical administrative arrangements.

The conference of the heads of the four Governments opens a week next Monday.

This afternoon the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, was to confer with the British and French Ambassadors.

The latter, Mr M. Couve de Murville, only arrived in Washington from Paris a few hours before this meeting which was expected to carry a step forward the discussion by the three Western Powers

of the position they will take at Geneva on such subjects as German unification and disarmament.

Detailed reports of the informal remarks made yesterday by the Communist Party Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, have now reached Washington. They have been studied in official circles.

POSITION OF STRENGTH

It appears to be agreed that Mr Khrushchev did not in fact say anything at the United States Independence Day party in Moscow which Soviet propaganda broadcasts have not been saying repeatedly for several weeks.

According to official analyses of these broadcasts Soviet propaganda has been at great pains to deny the repeated statements of Western spokesmen at recent Big Three talks that Soviet economic weakness was the prime reason for current Soviet willingness to negotiate on East-West differences.

Like Mr Khrushchev these propagandists have been emphasising that the Soviet Union is entering into the Big Four conference in a position of strength and solidity equal to that of the United States.

The Soviet leaders are apparently maintaining the hard bargaining position which was

laid down by Mr Molotov in his address to the United Nations in San Francisco last month coupled with the suggestion that since the Soviet Union has made major concessions because it thought it "right" the United States should do likewise at Geneva to make constructive negotiations possible.

Washington officials at the working level are moderately optimistic about the chances of the Geneva conference itself being a success but merely as a preparation for subsequent negotiations on concrete East-West differences which are bound to be long and arduous.

STILL FAR APART

But they emphasise that the Soviet and the Western powers are still very far apart in the solutions they propose for almost all the problems now creating tension between the East and West.

And there has not yet been any clear indication from Soviet spokesmen either in the recent Big Four talks in San Francisco or in Moscow that the Kremlin is prepared to make the kind of adjustments to its practical policies which are essential to an East-West settlement.—Reuter.

### Ex-minister Assassinated

Munich, July 5.

Matus Cernak, Slovak ex-minister, was "assassinated" when a parcel he was carrying exploded in a post office here today, Cernak's friends said.

The bearer of the parcel had both arms blown off and his chest cavity in, but papers found on his body enabled the police tentatively to identify him as Cernak.

Cernak's friends, editors of the newspaper, "Slovak Correspondence" said the victim was definitely Cernak.

Cernak, who was Slovak Minister of Education under the Nazis, was arrested in 1945 and freed in 1948 when he immigrated to West Germany.

Since then he has worked with the "Slovak Correspondence" information bulletin of the National Slovak Council abroad.—France-Press.

### 800 Convicts in Revolt

## BIG US PRISON RIOT

New York, July 5.

Hundreds of convicts rioted at Washington State Prison today, seized eight hostages and took control of three cell blocks.

Prison officials said "as many as 800 may be involved in the riot."

The convicts, armed with knives and razor blades, seized a parole officer, five prison officials and two guards as hostages. An official said the convicts held control of three cell blocks and threatened a fourth. The acting Warden, Mr William Connell, said the men also held the kitchen.

The rebels took control of wing 1, a maximum security block, first and crashed through the kitchen and dining room, leaving a trail of wreckage.

#### TO MEET CONVICTS

Then they seized wings 4 and 5 and were trying to seize wing 6, which holds what prison authorities described as "very dangerous" convicts.

State police were rushed in from all parts of the surrounding country to reinforce the guards.

Prison officials announced they had agreed to meet with the rioters to discuss terms for releasing the hostages.

Hours after the riot started they released one hostage, Prison Captain Rembolt, and told him to "spread the word" that if violence were used against the rioters the rioters would be harmed. Rembolt was not hurt.

At the outset of the riot, Assistant Recreational Director B. W. Fain was injured in a scuffle. He said he did not know exactly what had happened. He added that the rioters "did not want to hurt me. I've never been treated better in my life." He suffered a nose cut and bruises.—United Press.

### Blow For Bevan

London, July 5.

Mr Aneurin Bevan, leader of the British Labour Party's left-wing, lost a bid for the Party leadership today when the huge Miners' Union refused him support.

Even though he is a miners' Member of Parliament, delegates of the 700,000 miners, instead, cast their ballots for a large majority for his arch-opponent, right-winger Mr Hugh Gaitskell.—United Press.

### MENON'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON

Washington, July 5.

India's special envoy, Mr Krishna Menon, has asked the United States to open direct negotiations with Communist China to slacken international tension, political sources said today.

Mr Menon said the Chinese people have a friendly feeling toward the American people and that he had not given up hope that the Chinese leaders would free the other American airmen still imprisoned in China, these sources said.—France-Press.

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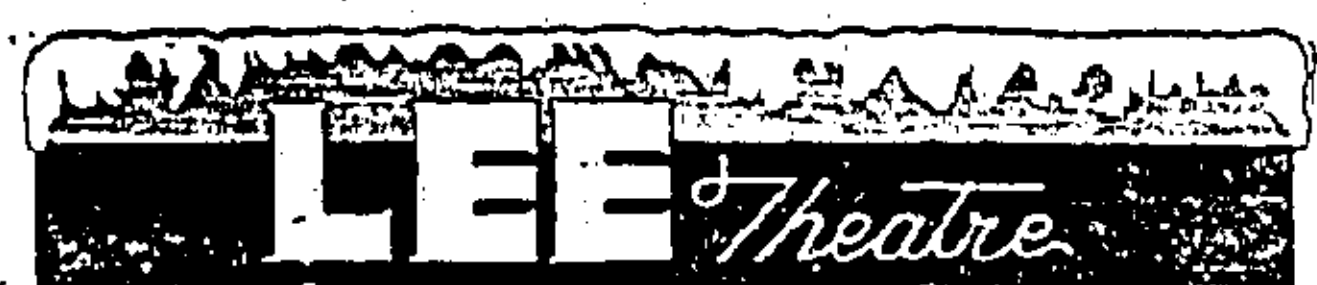
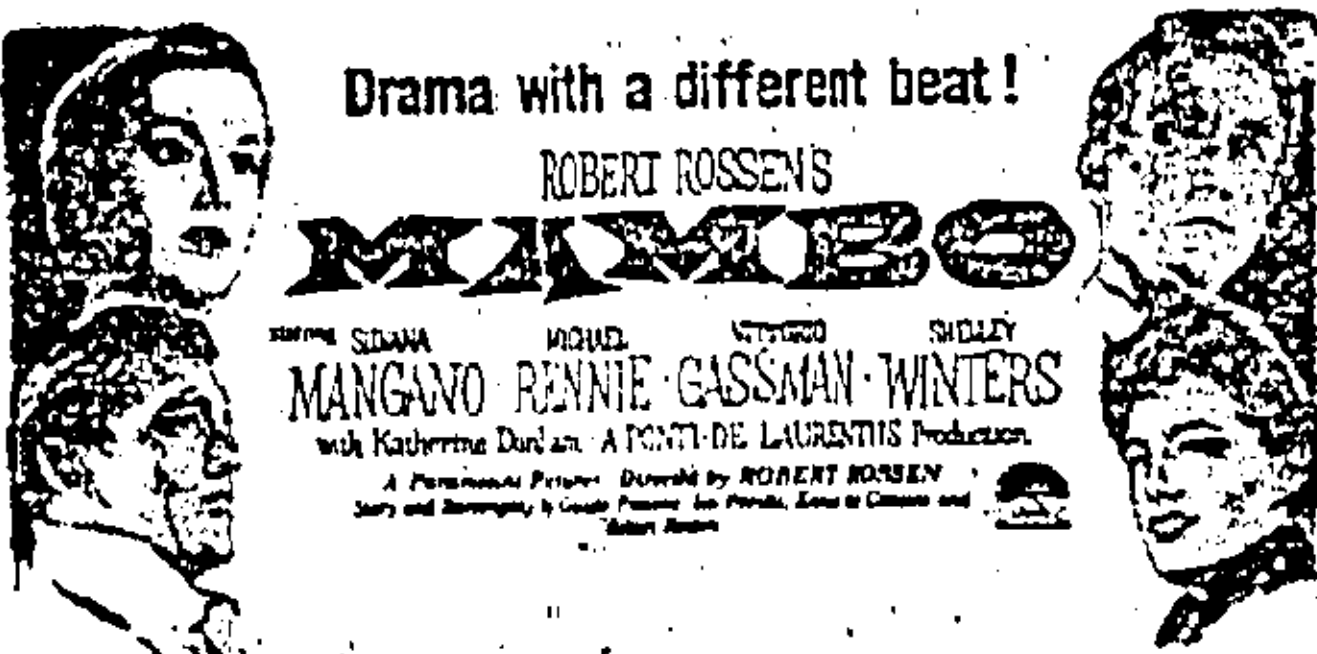
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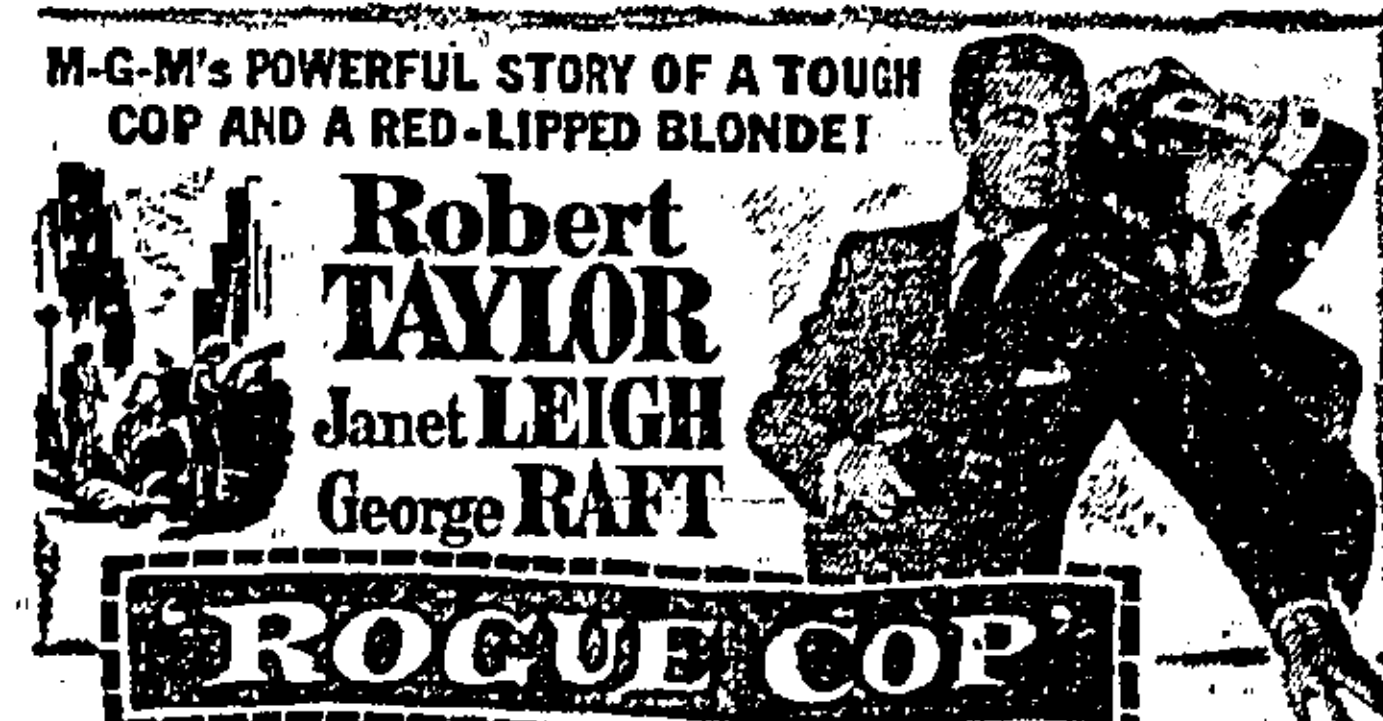
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CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL PLAN  
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London, July 5.

Mr Li Fu-chun, Chairman of the State Planning Commission, told Deputies to the second session of the National People's Congress, which opened in Peking on Tuesday that the core of China's first five-year plan ending 1957 was industrial construction, Peking radio reported.

He said basic tasks during the period were:

1. To strengthen the main efforts on industrial construction.
2. To develop agricultural production co-operatives and to develop handicraft production co-operatives, laying the preliminary groundwork for the socialist transformation of agriculture and handicraft.
3. To incorporate capitalist industry and commerce for the most part into the various forms of state capitalism according to individual circumstances laying the groundwork for the socialist transformation of private industry and commerce.

## INCREASES

Mr Li said "according to the radio, China's total industrial output would go up by 98.3 per cent in value and production by modern industry would be increased by 104.1 per cent during the first five-year plan."

Output of coal would be 113 million tons in 1957, Mr Li said. State outlay for economic construction and cultural educational development during the five-year plan period would total 76,630 million yuan which is equivalent to more than 700 million ounces of gold, he stated, according to the radio.

Mr Li said 156 projects which the Soviet Union was helping China to build formed the core of industrial construction.

Mr Li said with direct Soviet aid China in the present five-year plan will develop peaceful uses of atomic energy in the service of the national economy.

He said by 1957 13 big reservoirs would be built.

Huge dams would be built on the Yellow River.

He said the transport fleet would be increased by 400,000 tons.

Mr Li said in Anshan, China's biggest steel centre, 48 major projects would be constructed or rebuilt in eight years ending 1960.

## PIG IRON OUTPUT

When completed, he stated, annual output of pig iron in Anshan alone would reach 2.5 million tons, steel 3.22 million tons and rolled steel 2.48 million tons.

Alongside reconstruction of the Anshan metallurgical combine construction of two further new iron and steel combines in Wuhan and Paochow would be carried out, Mr Li reported.

Construction would be carried out in five years in 31 coal mining enterprises, each with an annual capacity of more than one million tons. These, he said, included big projects in Fushun, Fusin, Kailan, Tuzung and Huainan.

Mr Li said, according to the Agency, by 1957 output of foodstuffs would reach 102.8 million tons or an increase of 17.8 per cent compared with 1952.

He said by 1957 one-third of China's total rural households would have joined primary agricultural co-operatives.

Ninety-one new mechanised state farms and 194 new tractor stations would be built in five years.

Mr Li stated the central link in socialist industrialisation was to give priority to the development of heavy industry.

"To build socialism, contradiction between small peasant economy and socialist industrialisation must be resolved," Mr Li continued. Socialism could be built only on a basis of large-scale industry and large-scale collective farming.

## HINDERANCE

To build socialism, he went on, contradiction between capitalist and socialist economies must be resolved.

The capitalist system of private ownership of means of production hindered further development of productive forces of the country.

It was impossible, Mr Li stated, for socialism and capitalism, whose systems of productive relations were antithetical, to develop in one country side by side without mutual interference.

It is either the path of socialism or the path of capitalism but this last the Chinese people would never allow to be followed, Mr Li added.—Reuter.



Charming Lily Presenki, who has just been elected "Miss Israel 1955" in a Beauty Contest held in Haifa. — Express Photo.

## Moneylenders' P.C. Appeal Dismissed

London, July 5.

Appeals brought by two Malacca money-lending firms disputing assessments to Malayan income tax made upon them for the year 1951 were dismissed with costs by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today.

The case for the two firms, P.L.R.M. Family and P.V. Family, was that before the Japanese occupation of Malaya they lent money on the security of land. During the occupation the loans in question were repaid in depreciated Japanese currency.

On October 1, 1949, the Debtor and Creditor (occupation period) Ordinance 1948 came into force under which creditors were enabled to claim the difference between the face value and the real value of the repayments made in Japanese occupation currency.

## THE CLAIMS

The P.V. family said that as a result of the Ordinance they became entitled to claim in the aggregate more than \$500,000. The claims were settled and they recovered approximately \$306,000 leaving \$194,000 as irrecoverable.

In their return for the year 1950 the P.V. family claimed to deduct the amount written off.

On similar facts the P.L.R.M. family claimed to deduct a sum of \$58,292 written off as irrecoverable.

Both claims were rejected by the Comptroller of Income Tax. The present appeals, which were consolidated from a judgment of the Appeal Court in Malaya restoring the assessments after judgment, had been given in favour of the two firms in the Kuala Lumpur High Court.

Lord Morton of Henryton, giving the Privy Council judgment referred to a typical transaction between the P.V. family and a debtor and said their Lordships felt no doubt that the contention of the firm was ill founded because it assumed the existence of a "loss" which, in truth never took place.

To bring themselves within the terms of the Ordinance the firm had to prove that repayment made by the debtor was not demanded by them. All that happened in 1950 was that they asserted a claim which was of very doubtful value in the absence of material evidence and recovered a sum as a result.—China Mail Special.

## CASE AGAINST W. GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Bonn, July 5.  
REPRESENTATIVE of the West German Government requested the Federal Constitutional Court at Karlsruhe today to declare the Communist Party unconstitutional, order confiscation of its property and to prohibit the Party to form substitute organisations after its banning.

The representative, Herr Hans Ritter von Lez, State Secretary in the Interior Ministry, was summing up the case for the Government in hearings before the Court on the legality of the Communist Party.

The Government asked the Court, the highest judicial body in West Germany, in 1952 to rule the Party unconstitutional and hearing began in spring last year.

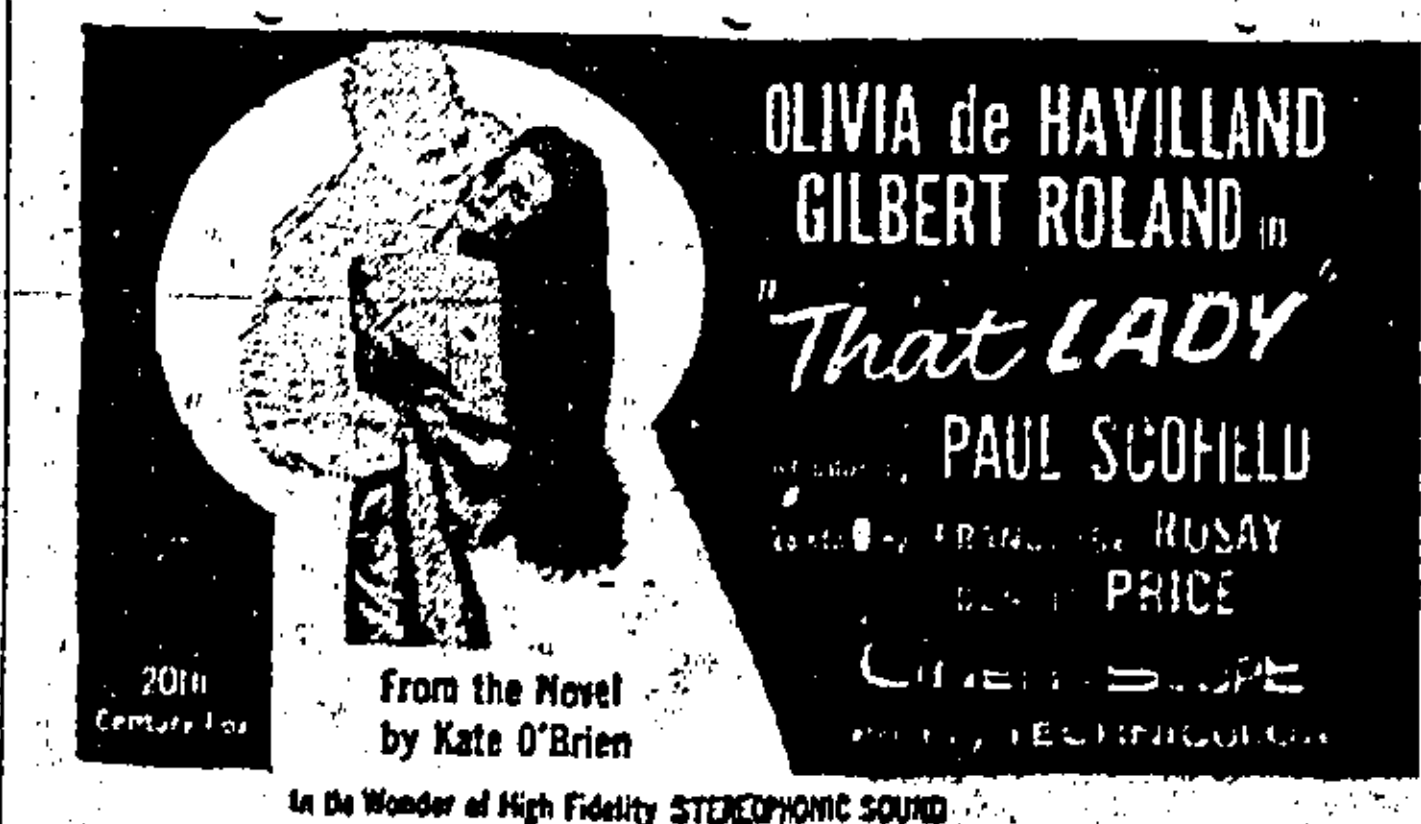
Herr Ritter von Lez said the hearings had proved that there was an "unbridgeable gap" between the Communist ideology and the free democratic order in the West German Federal Republic.—Reuter.

Paris, July 5.  
Senator Gaston Monnerville was re-elected President of the French Parliament's Upper House today by an absolute majority.

Sen. Monnerville won on the second ballot.—France-Press.

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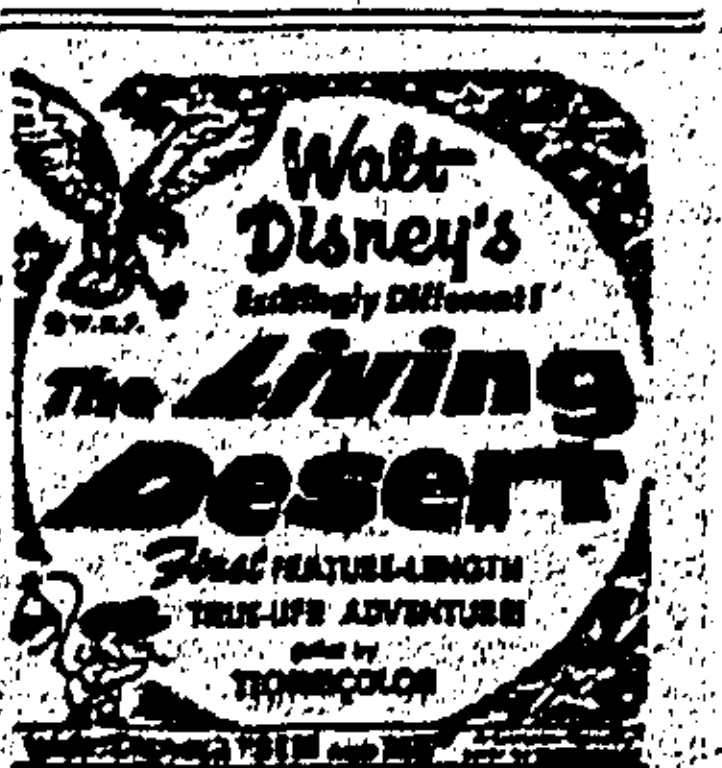
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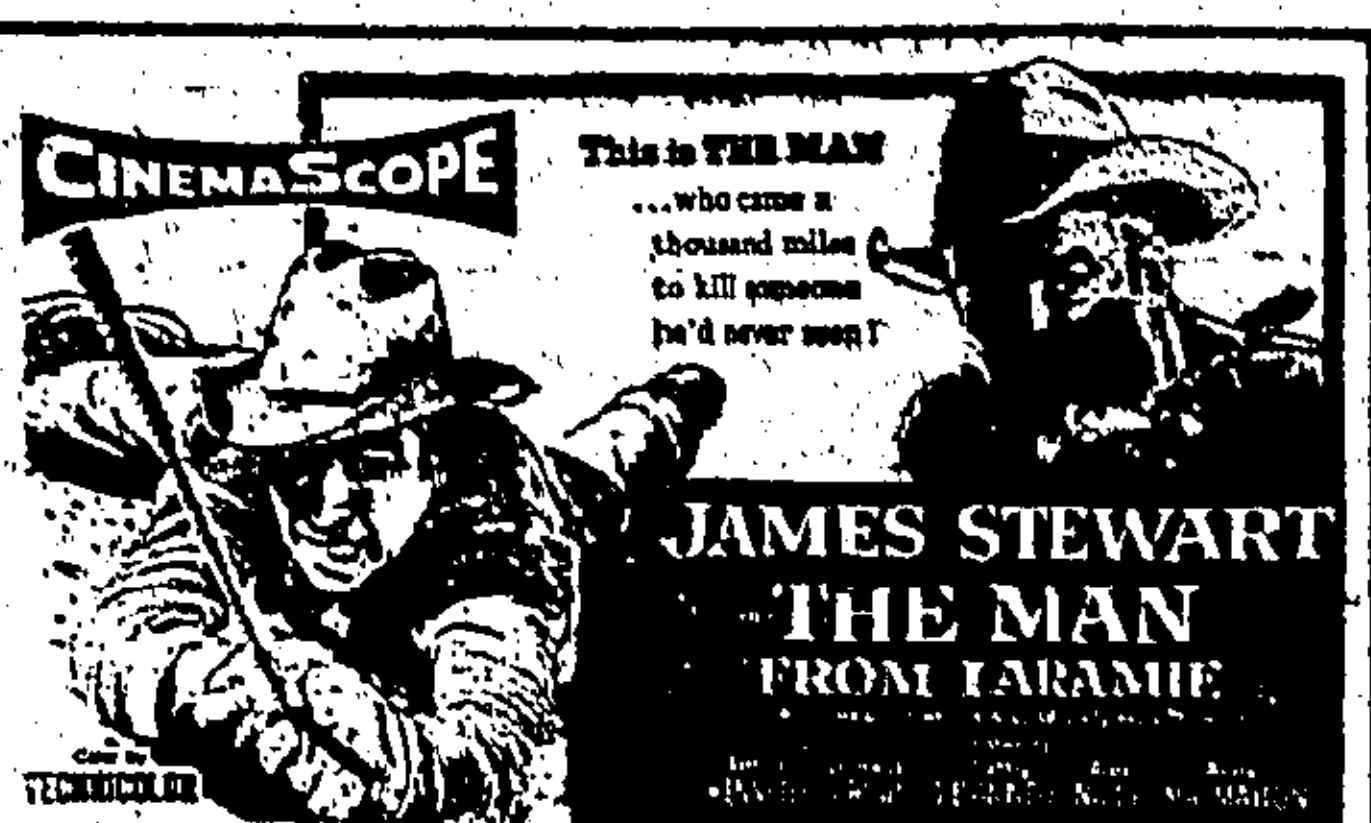
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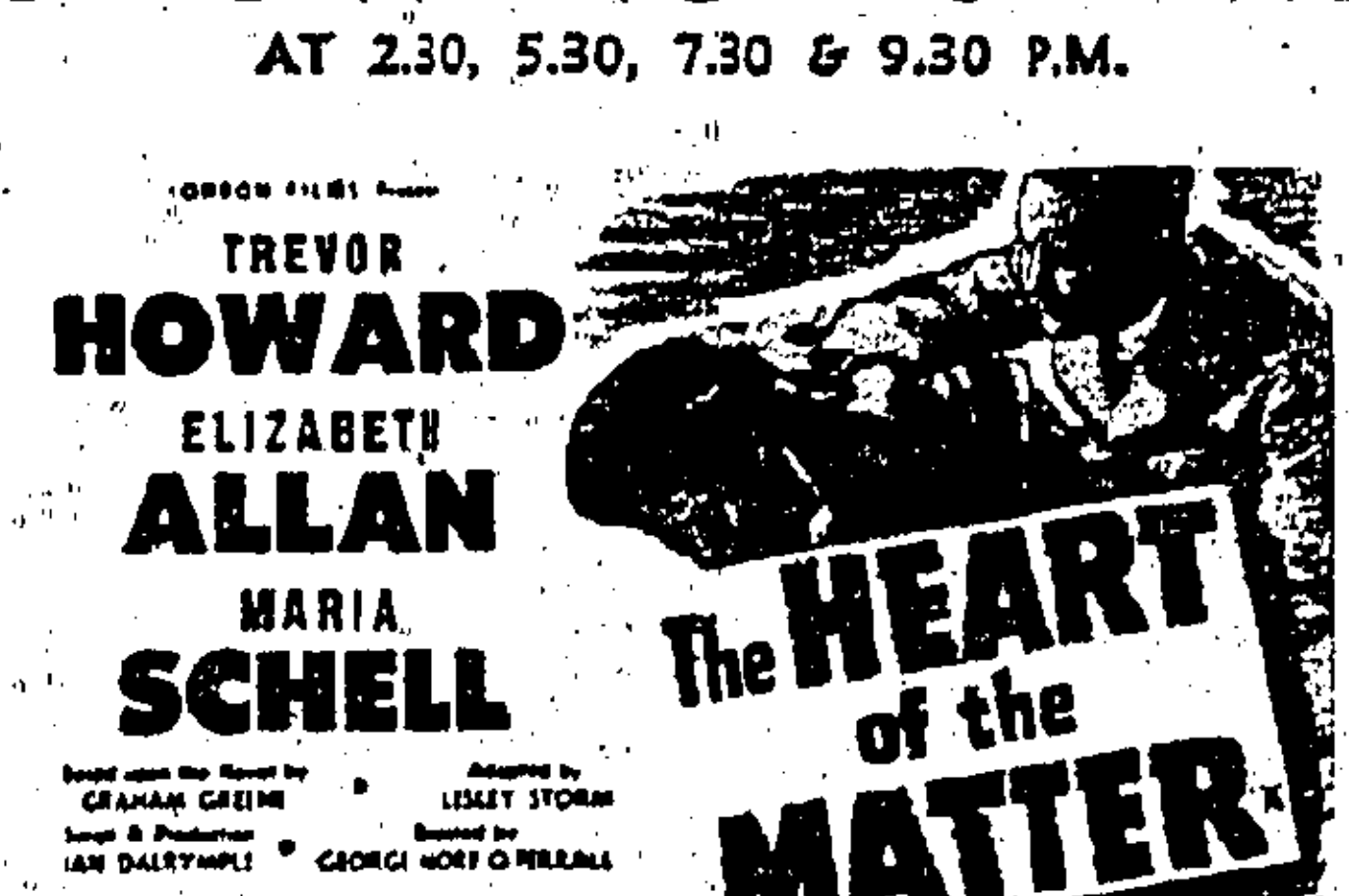
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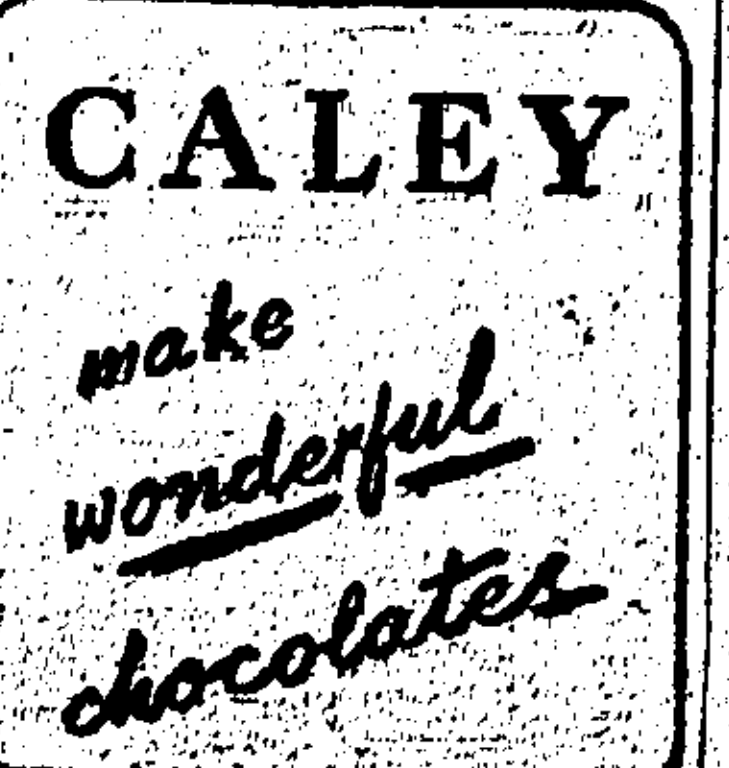


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# Allied Reporters Barred From Red News Conference

**Dinner For Ambassador**

## Deputy To Bring Libel Suit

Paris, July 5. French Deputy Jean Capdeville, (Socialist) announced today that he was bringing a libel suit against a suspect who accused him of being implicated in a case under investigation by the French police involving alleged graft and a double murder.

M. Capdeville said he would formally file suit on Friday against Francis Bodeman, the suspect.

Bodeman said Capdeville was involved in an "operation" in which a large quantity of gun-grass was allegedly to have been sold to the French army. Two men were killed, two weeks ago at Montfort Lamaur, where they allegedly had an appointment to see the grass.—France-Press.

## MEDAL FOR GURKHA CORPORAL

London, July 5. The award of the Military Medal to a Gurkha corporal who led a charge on a terrorist camp in Malaya was announced by the War Office tonight.

The corporal was Manbahadur Gurung of the 6th Gurkha Rifles.

Thick scrub prevented observation of the entrance to the camp, which was covered by a sentry. Corporal Manbahadur Gurung pursued and killed the terrorist sentry, who was however able to give a shout of alarm. Corporal Manbahadur Gurung led his section in a charge into the camp killing another terrorist and wounding two others who were subsequently captured.

Out of seven terrorists in the camp at the time Corporal Manbahadur Gurung's leadership caused the death of two, the wounding and capture of two more including the local leader who was a branch committee member and the surrender of one other.

Previously on October 26, 1954, he had already shown great bravery and leadership when he led a charge of his section under considerable fire.—China Mail Special.

## PROTESTS TURNED DOWN BY UN COMMANDER

Panmunjom, July 6. UN Command on Tuesday barred Allied newsmen, over their protests, from accepting a rare Communist invitation to a news conference in the 1,000-yard circular joint security area near here.

The refusal came after the Command told the Reds in some of the strongest language it ever used at a Military Armistice Commission (MAC) meeting that their recent "sweet talk" and "peaceful" propaganda was in marked contrast to "your continued wilful and flagrant violation of the (Korean) truce agreement."

Major-General Harlan C. Parks, senior Allied delegate to the MAC, read a 17-page document of Allied Communist truce violations and told North Korean Lieutenant Lee Sang Cho, the top Communist delegate.

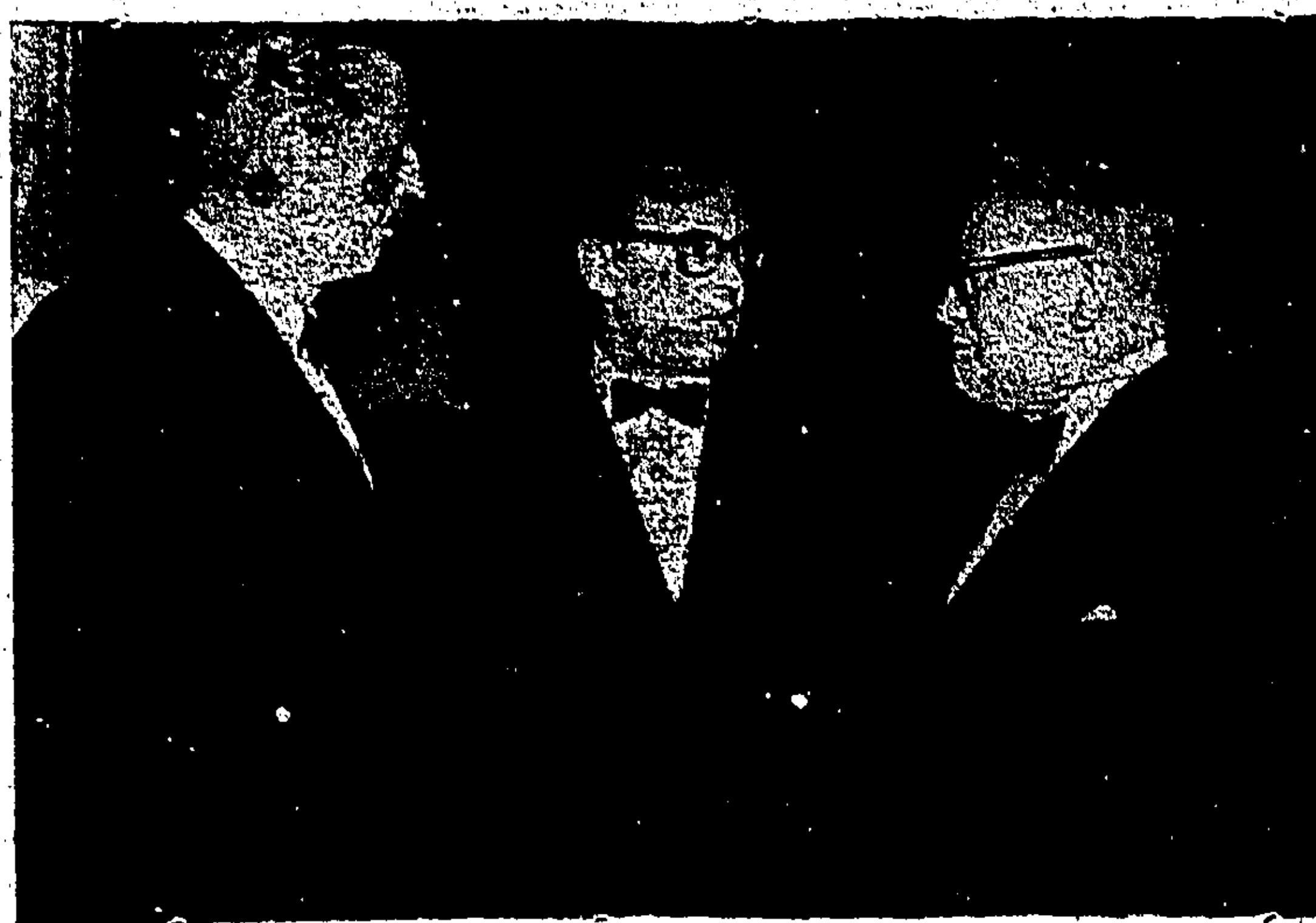
INSINCERE  
"It stands as monumental evidence to the United Nations Command and the free world of your complete insincerity, dishonesty and utter lack of integrity."

"The combat forces and particularly the air forces that you have built up illegally and covertly since the signing of the armistice constitute a grave

## BLUES SINGER WANTS DIVORCE

Paris, July 5. French blues singer Juliette Greco lapsed to her feet in a divorce court today and cried out "I don't want my child to be raised by anyone except me." Greco's husband, film star Philippe Lemaire, who Greco is suing for divorce, had agreed that his wife have custody of the child, Catherine, one year old, but had asked for the custody of the baby whenever the mother was out of Paris for more than 10 days.

The judge adjourned the decision until next Thursday. Earlier, the couple agreed that Lemaire should pay 40,000 francs (about \$110) per month allowance for their daughter. Lemaire's Greco rocketed to fame shortly after the war by singing in the cellar night-clubs of Paris. She and Lemaire have been married since June, 1953.—France-Press.



Many notable personalities including the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan and a member of the opposition party Mr. Herbert Morrison, were present at the Anglo-German Association dinner given at the Hyde Park Hotel, London, in honor of the new German Ambassador to Great Britain Herr Hans Heinrich von Herwarth. Picture shows: (left to right) Mr. Harold Macmillan, Herr Hans Heinrich von Herwarth and Mr. Herbert Morrison.—Express Photo.

## Hoses — Are — Still Getting — Away From — It — All

New York, July 5. Two more hoses were running away from home today by burrowing into their owners' lawns.

The baffled masters of two other sinking hoses, meanwhile, admitted defeat and either cut them off or dug them up.

The sudden impulse of garden hoses to get away from it all has attracted attention both in the United States and abroad and prompted scores of amateur explanations.

## Khrushchev Makes Good Impression

Washington, July 5. Statements by the Soviet Communist Party First Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev at the July 4 reception in the US Embassy in Moscow made a good impression here today.

Observers in Washington were happy to hear that Mr. Khrushchev indicated the Soviet Government was looking forward to the Geneva conference with the sincere desire to find a basis for easing tension with the West.

There was no official comment as such, however. A State Department spokesman declined to make any comment on Mr. Khrushchev's remarks, although they were generally welcomed with interest by US diplomatic circles.

JOVIALITY  
All American papers published the story at the top of their first pages, while observers here commented on the euphoria of the occasion and the joviality of Mr. Khrushchev.

These observers noted that Soviet leaders were trying to combat a theory widely held in Washington that Soviet economic difficulties particularly in the agricultural field, were forcing the Russians to seek a period of world calm.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had advanced this theory during his recent visit, but it was pointed out here that American leaders had never publicly asserted it. Some validity is attached to this theory here, but not as the sole explanation of the change of attitude of the Soviet Union on the international scene.—France-Press.

## AIRMAN WILL PLEAD INSANITY

New York, July 5. JAMES F. LAUBEN, Jr., confessed slayer of three members of a Texas family, will be tried for at least one of the murders in October and the State will ask for the death penalty.

The District Attorney, Mr. James J. Callahan, said that the 21-year-old airman cannot be tried until then because Governor's district courts do not hold any sessions from July to October.

Mr. Johnson said that he would ask for the death penalty, and he added he puts no stock in the defendant's claim of insanity.

The Sheriff, Mr. Frank L. Blagrove, said yesterday that Lauben would be given a psychiatric examination as soon as possible.

But Mr. Johnson said, "I have no plans for taking him to a psychiatrist. There is no need for it as far as I'm concerned."

Mr. Blagrove said that the husky airman has indicated that he will plead insanity.

Lauben is charged with the June 22 murders of Mrs. Ruby McPherson, 42; her son, George, 12; and her mother, Mrs. Zola Norman, 65.

All three were shot to death from close range as they slept in the McPherson's home near Dickinson, Texas.—United Press.

## Smash And Grab In Mayfair

London, July 5. Bandits used a polo stick to smash a shop window in Mayfair today to grab expensive furs. Thieves, further, cut through a tailor's window and helped themselves to 65 suit lengths.—China Mail Special.

## New Naval Pact May Link With Pacific

London, July 5. THE new naval pact between Britain and South Africa may eventually provide a defence link between the two countries and the three-nation ANZUS alliance in the Pacific. It is believed in military circles here.

Under the agreement between South Africa and the Government here published yesterday a new naval command is to be set up to guard the sea routes around the "Cape of Good Hope."

This will be an important junction in Allied naval communications from Europe through the Indian Ocean to the South Pacific. Most military experts here assume that the Mediterranean would be closed as a through naval channel very shortly after the outbreak of a war.

Britain was excluded from the ANZUS pact concluded by the United States, Australia and New Zealand in 1951 and for years has sought to establish ties with it. The eight-nation Southeast Asian Treaty provided a link between the Pacific states and the Atlantic pact organization.

But this still excluded South Africa which is anxious to force closer defence links with the Western and Commonwealth powers.—China Mail Special.

## Brother Turns Up After 48 Years

Pittsburgh, July 5. A former world champion ski jumper and his sister, who wouldn't believe he was dead, were reunited on Tuesday for the first time in 48 years. George Guldansen, 71, world champion ski jumper of 1902, and his sister, Mrs. Celia Cox, 69, embraced after her plane arrived here from San Francisco.

Guldansen and his sister lost track of each other after coming to America from their native Norway three years apart. She left Norway in 1907 and he in 1910.

An inquiry from Mrs. Cox to the Government about her brother in 1917 produced information that he had been killed in a scaffold fall while working in Cleveland, Ohio, but she wouldn't believe this, she said, adding:

"Since 1917 I've prayed three times a day that my brother would turn up alive." Meanwhile, Guldansen was trying to find Mrs. Cox. When

## WEALTHY DIVORCEE FOUND STRANGLED

### Houseboy Detained

Los Angeles, July 5. A wealthy young society divorcee was found stabbed, beaten and strangled today in her fashionable Bel Air home and a few hours later a love-struck former houseboy was booked on suspicion of murder.

The victim was Mrs. Norma McCauley, 38, daughter of a millionaire contractor, who was divorced only four months ago.

Police identified the suspect as John Crocker, 34, a former houseboy who was employed by the McCauleys while attending law school.

ALLEGED INFATUATION  
Friends of the victim reported that Crocker was infatuated with the divorcee and had asked her to marry him. He had left her employment only about a month before, the police learned.

The victim was the ex-wife of Frank McCauley, a former Air Force Major. Crocker had been employed by the McCauleys for about a year as a houseboy, his chief job being to take care of the three McCauley children.

Mrs. McCauley's body was discovered with a knitted stole tightly drawn about the neck. A preliminary examination by Dr. Frederick Newbarr disclosed two stab wounds above the heart, one in the left arm, and one in

the right arm as though she had been trying to shield herself from the knife blows. Dr. Newbarr said:

Chief of Detectives Thad Brown, Jr., had theorized that robbery might have been the motive because Mrs. McCauley's purse was missing, but the stabbing indicated the possibility of some other motive.—United Press.

## General Cut Off An Arm

Bedford, July 5. General Sir Evelyn Barker has revealed he was directly responsible for one of the members of the British Limbless ex-Servicemen's Association.

The General was speaking at a meeting in Bedford during which the Mayor, Mr. R. G. Gale, presented cigarette lighters to ex-servicemen who had lost their arms.

The General told how at Dunkirk after a German plane had machine-gunned a beach, he found a soldier with an arm badly wounded and summoning his Brigade Major he borrowed the Major's penknife and amputated the soldier's arm.

The soldier recovered in hospital in England.

"I was rather surprised. He did recover considering somewhat the crude operation I performed," said the General. "I am glad he is not here or he would probably tell me what he thinks about me."—China Mail Special.

## FRENCH ATTEMPT ON AIR RECORD

Paris, July 5. A French-built Super Mystere jet fighter will shortly attempt to crack the world's airspeed record now held by United States Air Force Colonel M. Verdun. It was disclosed today.

The record attempt will be made in North Africa to take advantage of good flying weather there.

The Super Mystere made its first test flight last March and has already broken the sound barrier, in level flight. It is equipped with a Rolls-Royce reactor built by Hispano-Suiza and after-burners which enable it to develop a 5,500 kilogram thrust.

The Super Mystere which is built by the Marcel Dassault firm, has done 1,212 kilometres per hour in practice flights. In the record attempt it will be flown by Major Paul Boudier, Dassault's chief test pilot.—France-Press.

## GREY GOOSE FITTED WITH GAS TURBINES

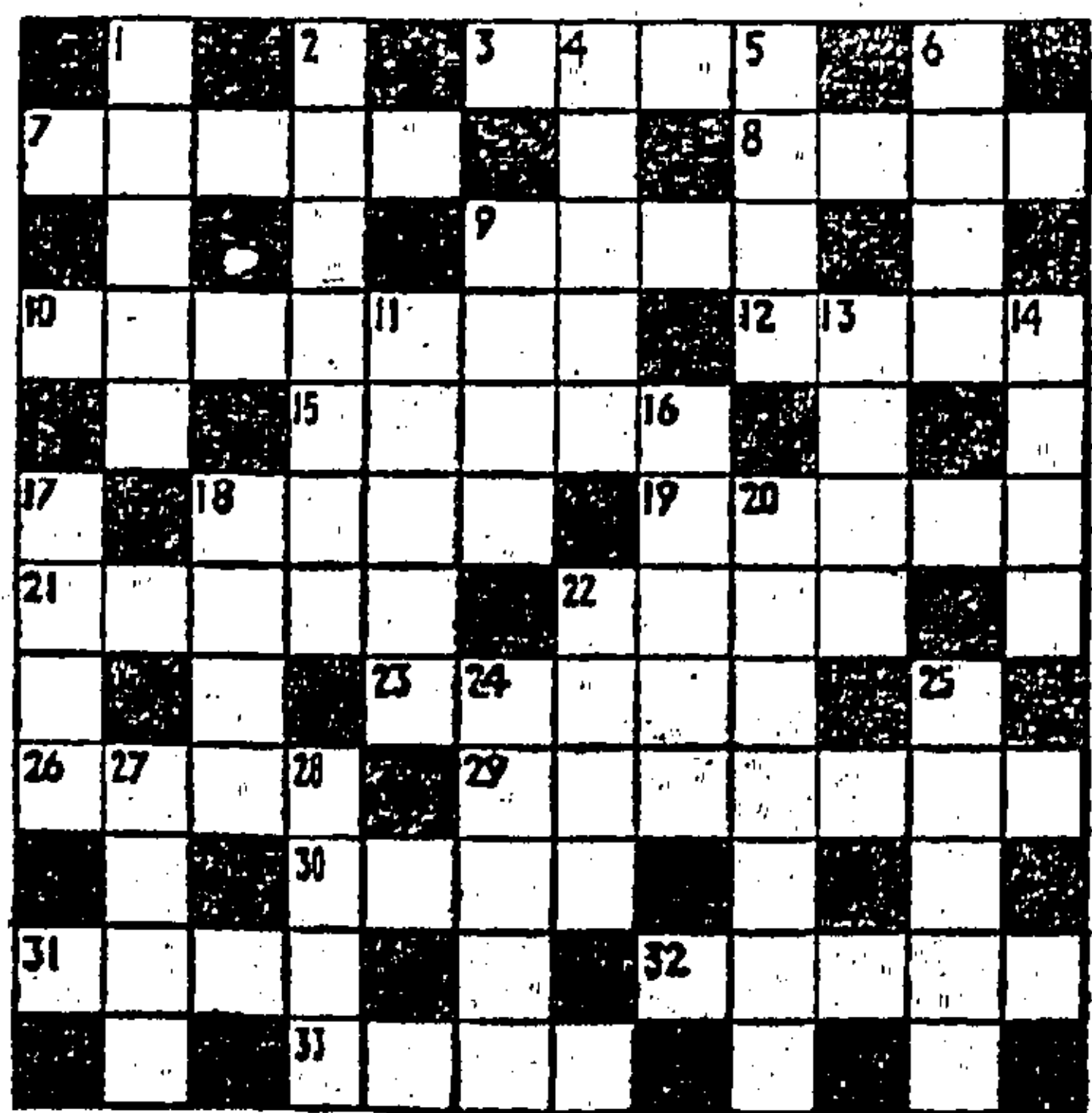
Gosport, July 5. To provide the Navy with further experience of marine gas turbines, HMS Grey Goose, renowned steam gunboat of the Second World War, has been converted into a floating test bed.

Fitted with two experimental Rolls-Royce marine gas turbines of an advanced design, the ship has joined in trials at Gosport.

A press party visiting HMS Gosport watched the demonstration on the Grey Goose. Rear Admiral I. G. Maclean, Deputy Engineering Chief of the Navy, said the two Rolls-Royce engines in the Grey Goose were undoubtedly the most advanced marine gas turbines in the world today and represented very considerable technical achievements.

"He added: 'With this plant we intend to obtain sea-going experience essential for development of the best possible power plants for warships of the future.'—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Clever (4).
  - Bend Down (5).
  - Sour (4).
  - Courage (colloq) (4).
  - Get ready (7).
  - Check (4).
  - Best part (5).
  - Arrest (4).
  - Material (5).
  - Mature (5).
  - Tear (4).
  - Upright (5).
  - Optical glass (4).
  - Values highly (7).
  - Play (4).
  - Prima-donna (4).
  - Alphabet (5).
  - Plucky (4).
- DOWN**
- Tale (5).
  - Vie with (7).
  - Kind of cap (5).
  - Consumes (4).
  - Fruit (4).
  - Clutch (4).
  - Solitary (5).
  - Look after (4).
  - Repair (4).
  - Choose (5).
  - Verbal (4).
  - Rotates (4).
  - Violent (7).
  - Repose (4).
  - Territory (5).
  - Daub (5).
  - Send out (4).
  - Difficulty (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Stress, 7 Eggs, 9 Overt, 10 Litre, 11 Hesp, 12 Restricted, 13 Benl, 14 Lean, 15 Dependent, 22 Dorn, 24 Press, 25 Vague, 26 Kern, 27 Silver, Down: 2 Tress, 3 Enter, 4 Select, 5 Teibered, 6 Ages, 8 Grade, 12 Pilot, 13 Riled, 14 Tenement, 17 Adore, 18 Spans, 20 Novel, 21 Eagle, 23 Open.



# DEATH IN THE RUE de MENTON . . .

THEY take at Mar-seilles two sleeping cars off the Blue Train and couple on a dining car. The train was already on its way to the Riviera when I went into the dining car. I sat down at the first table to the right. A man with a large flat face sat opposite.

At a first glance he could have been taken for a Scandinavian; but he spoke to the waiter with a slight Marseillais accent. He obviously wanted to chat, and because I didn't like his face I didn't want to give him the opportunity. The February sun was mildly warming the window.

"Where are you going?" he asked.

"To Nice," I said, without looking at him.

"I'm going to Saint Raphael," he said. "Now this is quite a coincidence. I was travelling on this train a few months ago, sitting at this same table, and facing me was another passenger, butting his croissant like you."

"How very interesting," I said, hoping that would put an end to our conversation. "It isn't interesting yet," he said, "but soon it will be very interesting. That other traveller looked very pleased with himself. He sipped his coffee as if there was nothing wrong in the world. He laughed and his teeth were broad and flat. Their number was legion."

## The smugglers

"So I decided to pull his leg. His satisfied face simply asked for it. As you know there was a lot of talk in those days of cigarette smugglers, and first I asked him what he thought of those who smuggled American cigarettes from Tangiers."

"He said he despised people who didn't earn their living with hard honest work. It was the sort of answer I expected from him."



"I caught you," he said, slapping me hard on the shoulder. "What fun it was."

He paused. "My name is dining-car facing a stranger. The stranger first tells you he is a smuggler, so you see you're not dealing with a completely respectable person. Before I had time out of sheer politeness to give him mine, he laughed, then went on. The car was full and the scent of mimosas from outside succeeded somehow in penetrating the smell of coffee."

"I like a joke," said Marchant, "so I said to him I was a smuggler myself. He wasn't impressed and said in that case smugglers looked more respectable than he had expected them to look. That rather annoyed me and I decided to pull his leg in a big way. I told him, naturally dropping my voice, that I was a murderer. That impressed him."

"It wouldn't impress me," I said, disliking him more and more. "Now wouldn't it?" he said. "If I gave you all the gruesome details that I gave him, I wonder."

"I have read of enough gruesome details in books and newspapers to last me for a lifetime. You are evading the issue," he said. "You're sitting in a

house, watching especially the concierge studying her habits because I wanted to go into the house and leave it unnoticed. The important thing, I explained to him, was to be unnoticed. The concierge went out to do her shopping at nine in the morning. At five past nine I rang the bell of the flat in which the double-crosser lived. At ten past nine he was dead."

"You're not impressing me," I said. "I see I'm not," said Marchant, "but I didn't expect to, although I did impress the other man. He just sat and shuddered."

"It would have served you jolly well if he had pulled the alarm."

"People don't do that. Now I'll tell you the end of the story, which is quite extraordinary. I suppose I'm a good storyteller and got under the influence of the story I told. Self-hypnotism on whatever you want to call it, and 88, Rue de Menton refused to leave my mind."

"In a few days' time I went to Nice. It was irresistible. I couldn't stop myself. I went into the Rue de Menton and found No. 88."

"I didn't come out of my tale: it existed."

"Yes," I said because I was becoming interested. "I went in, saw the concierge and asked him blank whether any crime had been recently committed in the house. I said I was a journalist and held out a good tip. She said no, and I felt a fool. Now you are no longer sneering?"

"I'm not sneering," I said. "What happened?"

"She said I must have come to the wrong address, but we chatted on. As you know I like talking, and in the course of conversation she was speaking of the people who lived in the house—she said that one Monsieur Teller hadn't been seen for days. She wondered whether he was ill. He lived alone and hadn't even a charwoman."

"I should to her to telephone for the police at once. I shouted I suspected crime. Frightened, she went to the telephone, rang the police. Came the police, they broke into the flat and found him murdered. Now what do you think of that? Your coffee is growing cold."

"I was waiting for an answer, as though that were the sign for him to pounce on me. 'Extraordinary,' I said, went on Marchant, 'a sort of telepathy between the murdered man and me. As I began the story in the train it must have been he who spoke through my words. I can find no other explanation. How can I?' I said."

"But that isn't the end," said Marchant, pouring himself out a glass of Vichy water. "The police hadn't the faintest idea

● A strange story . . . but could it be true? That is for YOU to decide. For the stories in this FACT or FICTION series pose this problem. . . Did it really happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

where to look for the murderer, although they knew that the quiet little man had been, from the police's point of view, a good for nothing, though never convicted.

"Still under the influence of my story I said he must have been mixed up in smuggling and the police should look for the murderer among smugglers, most of whom the police know but can't always catch."

"Within a fortnight the murderer was found. He was a smuggler and the murder was committed exactly as I had invented it. The guillotine put the final end to the story. What do you think of that?"

## by Peter de Polnay



WHEN the last story entered Paris, Peter de Polnay was living in Marseilles. He had just returned from the French Riviera, where he had spent the winter. He had been a journalist and a writer, and he had been married. He had been a man of many talents, and he had been a man of many secrets.

"I don't know what to say," I said.

"You look quite white," he said with satisfaction.

He glanced out through the window and I sat staring at him. We didn't speak, and the train rocked among pines and mimosa. After a while Marchant jumped up.

"We'll soon be in Saint Raphael," he said, "and so I leave you with your thoughts."

"There will be plenty," I said. He began to laugh. The volume of his laughter which was already half empty, some people looked up and stared at him.

"I caught you," he said, slapping me hard on the shoulder. "What fun it was. You didn't believe the first story, pretended you were far too clever to believe in a little murder, so I invented the second. Completely. You sneered at a straight murder, but telepathy and all kind of metaphysical nonsense you fall for at once."

He slapped my shoulder again. "Goodbye," he laughed. "I did enjoy our chat."

He turned back from the door as the train slowed down. "Don't forget the address," he called. "It's 88 Rue de Menton."

I was glad to see him go. During the rest of the journey his story refused to leave my mind. It was. I admitted, a

Did it happen?

## A little man

I stopped and examined the house carefully. It looked like most of the other blocks of flats in the street. I called myself a fool but went in. It had a large hall and on the right was the concierge's glass door. I knocked on the door.

A short woman with grey hair appeared, asking me what I wanted.

"I came to ask you about someone," I said, "which will very much surprise you."

I held out a five-hundred-franc note; she took it, and I could see that the five-hundred-franc note braced her against any possible surprise.

"I'm not from the police," I said. "I'm making inquiries purely out of curiosity. You see, I write books."

"I understand, monsieur," she said. "Then tell me, has there been ever a murder committed in this house?"

"Yes, of course," she said cheerfully. "Two years ago. The newspapers interviewed me. He was a nice little man, though the police said he had been mixed up with smuggling."

"I see," I said. "And the murderer?"

"They never found him."

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Put your tick in the space above and keep this paper by you until tomorrow . . . then the answer will be given with another story in this series by . . .

JOHN DRUMMOND

Did yesterday's story "The Man in the Truck Coat," by Pamela Franklin—actually happen? The answer is NO.

# PARACHUTE PAT

has only one fear

... I'm scared of spiders

SOME people go to extraordinary lengths to find a bit of peace. Here is Miss Patricia Bergin, a decorative blonde of 21, who sometimes likes to be alone. She has found her brand of solitude by jumping out of airplanes with a parachute.

"It is a wonderful feeling," she says. "You're all alone in the sky, and you have no sensation of falling until the earth rushes up to meet you."

Miss Bergin, who works for a film laboratory, started parachute jumping a month ago at Denham Airfield. "It was after I had been up in a Tiger Moth, flying above the clouds and I wanted to be alone up there. I thought of gliding. Then I thought of parachute jumping, and tried it."

So far she has made five jumps from 1,500 feet, once launched on a fence at the only place where the wire wasn't barbed "so I only cracked my head" and the last time, on a windy day, came in swinging like a pendulum and landed her foot. The only thing she minded about that was the doctor's order: No more jumping for a week.

For Miss Bergin has a strange criterion for amusement. "I don't like to be comfortable," she says. "If I can't feel anything, it's no fun for me."

(In pre-parachute days her sport was learning to jump barrels on ice-skates.)

Miss Bergin comes from Surrey, the daughter of a Milham builder. After leaving convent school in Wales, she worked for the Admiralty as a telephoneist, for a shipping agent as a receptionist ("but it was too near Billingsgate in summer and I

couldn't stand the smell of fish"), for a laboratory equipment manufacturer as a typist, and then became an apprentice aircraft engineer at Denham.

"I intended to get my engineer's licence, then go to Canada," she said. "But I couldn't afford it. Flying at Denham works out at about £2 a lesson, and a parachute drop costs a minimum of 30s. So she got a job as a 'view-er' in Denham Film Laboratories, checking film for flaws, bought a caravan to live in,

with the money saved for Canada, and settled down at the edge of the airfield.

Now Miss Bergin is a sort of mascot at the Denham Flying Club. Next week she will be jumping for the television cameras in a flying programme. And if she keeps it up at the present rate, instructor Major T.W. "Dumbo" Williams wants to enter her in the European championships to be held in Moscow next year.

Says pilot Jock Millett: "We reckon she has more courage than most of the men around here. She has never shown a trace of nerves, even on the first jump."

The nervous one that day was Mr. Millett himself. "To never dropped anyone from an aircraft before—and I didn't want a girl parachutist; to prove it couldn't be done. It's tricky. If you're flying too fast, or if she pushes herself off instead of falling, she might hit the tailplane."

I was ready to creep away in shame from this girl, who knows no fear, when I discovered her weakness. Said Parachute Pat: "I'm scared of spiders. If I see a spider in the caravan, I just have to get out, and wait for someone to come and kill it for me."

## by MARY HEWAT



After seven days beneath the sea, a Rolex Oyster Perpetual, brought up by divers, was found to be still showing the right time! (The original letter of Professor Catala can be inspected at the Rolex office, 18 rue du Marais, Geneva.)

ROLEX

A landmark in the history of Time measurement  
ROLEX Chronometer—  
Official Timepiece of Panavia Airlines

# Would your watch have kept time on the sea-bed?

WEARING a Rolex Oyster Perpetual, a professor of Milan University went for a swim off Capri. But the strap-buckle was loose, and his watch broke from his wrist, and sank to the bottom. Without much hope, the professor asked some divers, working nearby, to keep an eye open for his watch. Surprisingly, seven days later, they actually found it, and it was still keeping perfect time. It is not really so incredible. For this superb watch, completely protected from water and sand by the famous Oyster waterproof case, is automatically wound by the Perpetual "rotor" mechanism—another Rolex invention.

It is in their ability to stay accurate under such incredible tests of endurance that Rolex watches prove their immunity from the more normal ills that beset an ordinary watch.

# NATHANIEL GUBBINS

I SEE that a Mr. F. Lockwood, of the National Employers' Association of Vehicle Builders, is just another citizen complaining that the boys of today have no manners and do not give up their seats to women in crowded buses.

When I was a boy I was taught to stand when women entered a room, open doors for them, give up my seat to them in crowded vehicles, and to raise my cap in the street to any woman I knew, particularly charwomen.

The last injunction was evidently intended to stifle any class consciousness that might have been linking in the breast of the little Gubbins.

But when I was a boy the ritual of woman worship seemed more understandable because women looked and behaved like women and not like men. They were modest and quiet. They did not smoke or wear trousers. Although I was not aware of it at the time only unspeakable women entered public-houses.

They did not bring contempt upon themselves by exposing their bodies on beaches. If they played games it was only croquet or bat-ball tennis. Although they may have been as tough as they are now they were clever enough to appear helpless so that even eight-year-old men like myself would rush to their assistance if they appeared in danger. Nicely brought up boys were all little St Georges ready and anxious to rescue damsels in distress.

How do the damsels of today appear to the little St George of 1955?

If he looks at the newspapers he can see damsels in the Army blowing out fat cheeks over trumpets or whacking drums with their powerful arms. Or he can see sergeant-major damsels, their lovely jaws cracked wide open, yelling orders on parade.

He can see damsels with distorted faces leaping over hurdles, carrying weights, or hurling javelins. He can see them whirling bats at cricket or playing rough-house soccer. A short while ago he might have seen muscle-bound damsels engaged in all-in wrestling.

Therefore, why expect a modern little St George to give up his seat to women in a bus? He might as well give it up to Rocky Marciano.

NEW NAME FOR MAYHEM  
If you don't stop crying for another lolly I'll marciano you—a mother to her child opposite the Sea Net.

Tally Ho  
DONT Know and Floating Vote, hunted by Miss Gallup Poll and her enormous dog Prince, had been in the saloon bar of The Purple Bison for some time.

Prince, in pursuit of a cat, had dragged Miss Gallup Poll by his chain past the door of the tavern and down the street. "Have we time for another before she comes back?" asked Floating Vote.

"Just about," said Don't Know. "Make it snappy."

"I wish she wouldn't keep on asking me questions," said Floating Vote. "She wants to know now if I believe in freedom to spend my own money under a Conservative Government or restrictions and higher income tax under the Socialists. Who would believe in higher income tax except people without incomes?"

"No idea," said Don't Know. "She asked me if I thought the price of tea and bacon and butter had risen since 1951. Do you know anything about that?"

"Not a clue," said Floating Vote. "The prices have either risen or they haven't. So what's the use of asking me? I'm not a grocer."

"Perhaps she hasn't a clue herself," said Don't Know. "Have another drink?"

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"I didn't mean that," said Floating Vote. "I meant why not ask her a few questions for a change?"

"Not on television," said Don't Know. "Who said they did?" asked Floating Vote.

"Did what?"

"Ask questions on television. 'What about panel games?' 'I mean the audience can't ask questions of candidates they see on a screen.' 'Who said they could?' 'You did.' 'I didn't. Have another drink.'"

"With pleasure," said Floating Vote. "Cheers," said Don't Know. "Tell you what I'll ask her. 'Tell Floating Vote, I'll ask her if she's in favour of reducing the period of the cat-up in view of the international situation.'"

"That ought to sink her," said Don't Know. "Whatever she answers," said Floating Vote. "I shall say 'What do you know about it?' 'Maybe she is,' said Don't Know.

"I shall say, 'Only the Chief of the General Staff could answer that question. Are you the Chief of the General Staff, madam?'"

"Maybe she is," said Don't Know. "You needn't be ridiculous," said Floating Vote. "She looks ferocious enough to be a female general," said Don't Know.

"Insulting the ladies again?" said Floating Vote. "Sorry," said Don't Know. "Let's have another drink to them. The Ladies."

"Thank you," said Floating Vote. "The Ladies." "And don't forget to ask her a lot of hard questions," said Don't Know.

"I'm not frightened of her," said Floating Vote. "Nor am I," said Don't Know. "Or her dog. Let's drink to her doggie."

"Good old doggie," said Floating Vote. The baying of a hound was heard down the street. "She's after us again," said Floating Vote, dropping his glass. "Run, run," said Don't Know as they bolted out of the back door.

Paws Across The Sea  
BEING a letter from Manhattan Mouser, an American tough cat, to his English sweetheart Lottie.

Hyd, Sugar Puss, I SEE by the newspapers that the English are getting mad because our heavyweight champ, Rocky Marciano, won his fight with Don Coker. The dirty thing about this is that the belt, after the bell, butting and socking him with everything but a baseball bat.

Well, Honey Puss, I can only say that they know nothing about America if they get steamed up about little things like that because, over here, anything goes so long as you win and get the dough.

In my boxing days when I was known as the Broadway Butcher I was the dirtiest fighter ever seen in any ring here. My manager, Joe, wouldn't stop at murder to get his take-off, even if it was only a couple of heads. It was Joe who coined the phrase "molder da bum," which is the only rule they worry about in America today.

The night I fought the English champ, Battling Tills, we all felt sorry for the guy, except Joe who was on 40 percent, because we all knew the fight was framed. The Battler stood up straight with his left hand under a Conservative Government or restrictions and higher income tax under the Socialists. Who would believe in higher income tax except people without incomes?

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## DANISH GESTURE



Kurt Nielsen of Denmark "crowns" America's Tony Trabert with the top of the trophy which the American had just won by beating him in the final of the Men's Singles in the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon.

Trabert had just received the trophy from the Duchess of Kent, President of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club.—Reuterphoto.

## SUMMER LEAGUE SOFTBALL

## South China Tounce Rookie Filipinos To The Tune Of 20-3

Veteran South China Athletics tounded the rookie Filipinos 20-3 in the Summer Softball League opener yesterday at King's Park before a good crowd. W. K. Wong fanned 18 out of 27 batters facing him and yielded only one hit and four free tickets.

The young Filipinos took the offensive first but were held scoreless during the first two frames while the Athletics took full advantage of their weak opposing hurler to aggregate nine hits, including a bingle by L. C. Poon and a two-run homer by P. C. Wong, and nine runs during the same period.

The hard trying youngsters were rewarded with two runs during the third canto as first batter Ryder Getz finally was passed after he had fouled a number of times after full count and Fernando Diesta Jr. next pulled out a sizzling grounder over the keystone sock which the fielder missed. Both Getz and Diesta Jr. circled the diamond in time to save a shut-out.

Both sides made no further headway in the fourth and the Athletics again ran wide in the fifth. They added another four runs to put the game on ice and the score now stood at 13-2. During the sixth, John Cheng of the Filipinos Club was hit

## Three Runners Break World 1½ Miles Record

London, July 5. Three British runners, to the same race today broke the existing World record for the mile and a half, at Paddington, London.

Gordon Pirie won in six minutes and 28 seconds, leading by 30 yards from John Thorp (6 minutes 30.3 seconds) while Ken Norris was third in 6 minutes 31.2 seconds.

All three runners thus broke the existing record, set up by the Hungarian Sandor Iharos, of six minutes and 31.2 seconds, made during his record-breaking Two Miles, at Whitson, when he ran at the White City Stadium, London.

This distance is not recognised for world records. Pirie's times were: First quarter mile — 61.2 seconds, half-mile 2 minutes 3.6 seconds, three-quarters of a mile — 3 minutes 8 seconds. He did the mile in 4 minutes 13.6 seconds and the mile and a quarter was passed in 5 minutes and 21.2 seconds.—France-Press.

## European Bridge Sixth Round Results

Amsterdam, July 5. Results in the sixth round of the European Bridge Championship here today were: Open Pairs: Austria-Holland 0-2 (38-60), Germany-Denmark 0-2 (48-56), Britain-Finland 2-0 (83-30), France-Belgium 2-0 (87-33), Ireland-Norway 0-2 (82-74), Sweden-Switzerland 2-0 (68-45), Italy was free.—Reuter.

## EIGHTH TIE SINCE THE WAR

## ABSORBING DAY'S CRICKET AT EASTBOURNE ENDS IN POINTS SHARED

London, July 5.

With Surrey winning yesterday to take a 20 points lead over nearest rivals Yorkshire, who were without a County game, the first tied match of the season between Hampshire and Sussex featured the current County Cricket Championship programme which ended today.

An absorbing day's cricket at Eastbourne ended dramatically with hotouts and points shared. Set to get 140 to win, Hampshire lost eight wickets for 84.

Then Vic Cunnings and Peter Sainsbury added 55 runs to tie the scores. The last two wickets fell without a run being added. It was the eighth tie in County cricket since the war. The last tie was between Yorkshire and Leicestershire, last season.

Surrey head the Championship table with 148 points from 13 games. Yorkshire come next with 129 from 14 followed by Lancashire 92 from 14 and Hampshire 88 from 14. Worcestershire, still without a win in 12 matches, are bottom

with 12 points—18 behind Glamorgan.

**HARD WON VICTORY** Lancashire's eight wickets victory over Derbyshire was hard won. Some bad fielding with three simple catches dropped, kept Derbyshire in the game until well into the afternoon when it had seemed that Lancashire would win by lunch time.

Glathwin, who made 67 for Derbyshire, was dropped when 18 and the last two wickets added 97. Lancashire then struggled for six before Dyson made the winning hit.

This stroke gave Kelly, the Derbyshire, opening bat, a freak bowling analysis. Kelly came on to bowl for the first time this season when Lancashire, need only four runs to win. His first and only delivery was a no ball which Dyson hit to the boundary to finish the match. So Kelly's analysis read 0 Over, 0 Maidens, 4 Runs, 0 Wickets.

An exhilarating display of driving and hooking by Denis Compton, who hit 50 in 30 minutes, helped Middlesex beat W. Leicestershire by eight wickets. W. Leicestershire, Tom Gravney, was also in great form. He scored 75 not out to help George Young add 161 in 88 for Gloucestershire's second wicket in their 155 runs victory over Northamptonshire.

On Saturday these two put on 161 in the first innings. Young's 117 not out included two sixes and seven fours.

**PURSUING BATTING** Essex helped them beat Nottingham by 95 runs. Nottingham were set to score 215 to win but good bowling by legspinner Green-Smith, who took four for 27, thwarted their efforts.

Safely negotiating 20 minutes of extra time, Oxford University forced a draw in the varsity match at Lord's. Cambridge, who won 48, scored 42 and 41 drawn. Left 255 minutes to obtain 313 for victory, Oxford made 230 for six. Michael Smith helped save the game with an innings of 104 (11 fours) in 160 minutes. He and the captain, Williams put on 105 for the fourth wicket.—Reuter.

## Booking Officials Expect 1½ Million Fans To Watch Olympic Games

Melbourne, July 5.

Booking officials for the 1956 Olympic Games expect more than one and half million fans to click the turnstiles during the big 16-day programme late next year.

With a busy team of workmen now adding a 40,000-seat stand to the Melbourne Cricket Ground—Olympic venue—total accommodation for all venues runs to more than 200,000. However, the organisers have staggered events, anticipating daily crowds of up to about 100,000.

The MCC alone could accommodate more than 100,000 a day. The reconstruction work lifts its capacity from 35,000 to 120,000 but officials say special seating during the Olympics will reduce this.

Early estimates allowed for 104,000 to see the big ceremonies and final in comfort. But encouraged by the rush when booking opened on May 16, officials say they will re-consider seating plans.

The chief executive officer, Mr. William Bridgeford, believes that 310,000 capacity would be a practicable figure.

**SWIMMING POOL** Tightest accommodation at main venues is at the modernised swimming pool—part of the re-designed Olympic Park venue. Here 5,500 spectators will fill the indoor stadium.

Bookings for swimming night events and finals are already closed in Australia, but a few overseas visitors may still gain the coveted tickets.

At the soccer stadium, set in the centre of the athletic training tracks, terraced seating points allow for a 33,000 crowd, while a stand will accommodate 2,600 more. Similar accommodation, for 20,000, is available at the hockey and cycling track areas.

A total of 8,000 fight fans will fit into the new boxing stadium steadily rising from the ashes of the old one which was destroyed by fire last January.—United Press.

## American League All-Star Squad

Chicago, July 5.

The American League announced the remainder of its squad for the All-Star baseball game at Milwaukee on July 12. The starting eight players, pitchers excepted, were voted on in a baseball poll in which 6,582,084 ballots were cast.

Al Lopez, manager of the Cleveland Indians, will command the American League team and selected his pitchers and alternate outfielders, infielders and catchers.

Lopez named nine pitchers, including rookies Dick Donovan of the Chicago White Sox and Herb Secor of Cleveland. Other pitchers selected were Whitey Ford and Bob Turley, New York; Early Wynn, Cleveland; Bill Hoelt, Detroit; Billy Pierce, Chicago; Frank Sullivan, Boston; and Jim Wilson, Baltimore.

The public selected the following lineup: Mickey Vernon, Washington, first base; Neil Fox, Chicago, second base; Jim Flanagan, Kansas City, third base; Harvey Kuenn, Detroit, shortstop; Ted Williams, Boston, left field; Mickey Vernon, New York, centre field; Al Kaline, Detroit, right field; and Yogi Berra, New York, catcher.

Lopez selected Sherm Lollar, Chicago, as his other catcher and added outfielders Al Smith and Larry Doby of Cleveland and Jackie Jensen of Boston.

Behind the starting infield, Lopez named Bobby Avila and Al Rosen of Cleveland, Chico Carrasquel of Chicago and Vic Power of Kansas City.

Steve Gromek of Detroit and Don Mossi of Cleveland will pitch batting practice and Bill Lobe of Cleveland will be their catcher.

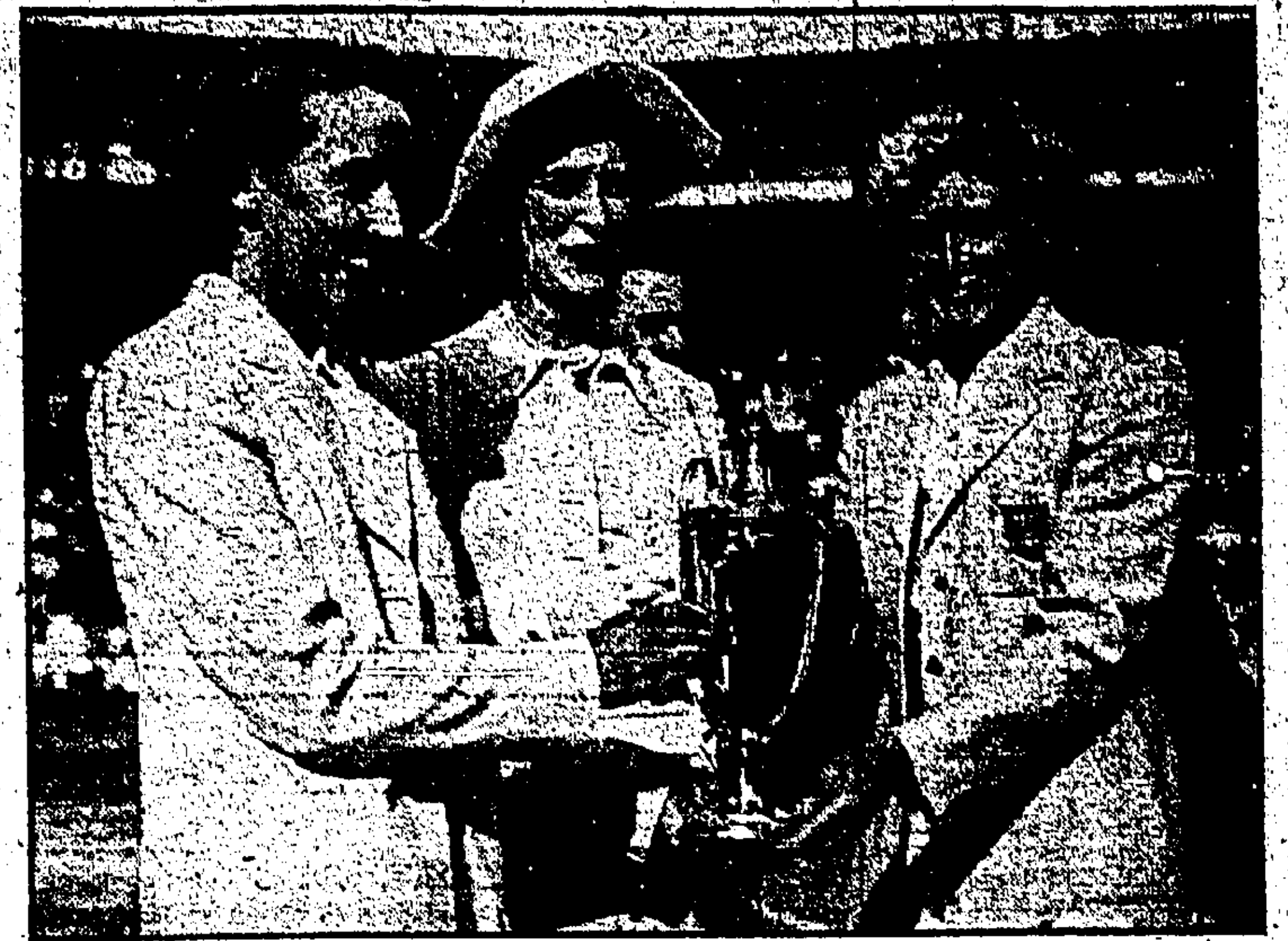
In all, the American League will have eight players on the All-Star squad for the first time. They are Donovan, Secor, Smith, Kaline, Hoelt, Power, Sullivan and Wilson.

The American League holds a 13-8 edge in the series and won last year's game at Cleveland, 11-9.—Associated Press.

**JAGUARS IN** The Filipinos "B" withdrew from the league due to insufficient players. However, the Hongkong Softball Association have permitted the late entry of the Jaguars to fill in the gap. So on Thursday, July 7, the Jaguars will play the U.S. Navy. Jaguars were a very strong team and softballers must remember that they have closely battled the Braves during 1950-51 and 1951-52, when the latter were in top form, to take the Senior "A" pennant.

Therefore, this game on Thursday will be a good one and the League will see keen competition among Jaguars, U.S. Navy, South China and Filipinos, the three-line Summer Champions.

## TROPHY FOR A BRITISH PAIR



The Duchess of Kent (centre) smiles her pleasure as she presents the Ladies' Doubles trophy to British girls Angela Mortimer (left) and Ann Shilcock at Wimbledon. They had just beaten Shirley Bloomer and Pat Ward, also of Great Britain, in two straight sets, 7-5, 6-1.—Reuterphoto.

## Six Services Cyclists Invited To Compete In Malaya Road Race

By "NTACA"

News has at long last been received of the Singapore Road Race. An invitation to send a Six-man Combined Services Team had arrived, together with details of the event.

Covering a total distance of 250 miles, it comprises four stages in three days. First day is a 95 Miles Massed Start Race, from Singapore to Batu Pahat. The second day is divided into two stages, the first of which is a Time Trial of 31 Miles (Batu Pahat to Muar), and the second a 26-mile Massed Start, from Muar to Malacca.

The Essex team now lead in the team competition by 37 points to the 22 of REME CC, with the rest nowhere. Individual leaders are Philcox and Stoll (13 each) and Bartlett with 11, all of the Essex.

On Sunday, the RAF Novice Competition held a 16-mile Time Trial over one circuit of the Massed Start course, with Jones of the 7 Hussars winning from the Scratch mark in 42-05. In second place was Templeman (Essex) whose two-minute allowance gave him a net time of 42-24. Lun, (REME CC) filling third place two seconds down.

Jones' time was the fastest of the day, Beck being a minute slower in a private trial over the same route. An extremely good ride was that of Au Cheong Sing, (SCAA), whose 42-11 actual time, gained him fifth place with 42-58. Some very good handicapping placed the leading five within one minute. The Essex team once again walked away with the team award, and are now leading in both competitions.

**WELL DONE!** It is good to read of our old friends and many of you will remember Captain H. A. G. Keates, who was one of the founder members of the pre-war Cycling Association in the Colony. At 45 years of age, Keates won his first Army Championship when he outmanoeuvred his two opponents in the final of the RASC Sprint Championship to get away to a long lone lead and push his nose first over the line.

An excellent performance, particularly as the last time he rode on a track was way back in 1939 when he won eight of nine events at Caroline Hill. On the 7th of this month, the Tour de France sets off on its nearly 8,000-mile journey. With it goes the first ever team to wear the Union Jack in the "Greatest of all Road Races". The last time the British flag appeared was in 1936, when our lone representative, Charlie Holland, fell and cracked a couple of ribs in the first few stages, carrying on until forced to retire. Let us hope our boys have better luck this time. We are not so hopeful to anticipate a victory. We would be more than satisfied to see some of them finish.

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**FINANCIAL SUCCESS** Auckland, July 5. The £5,500 gamble of the New Zealand Football Association to give a boost to the game here by bringing the Hongkong South China team to the Dominion looks like paying off.

To clear expenses on the team's visit, a £2,750 gate—the biggest of the tour—is needed for the final Test at Auckland on Saturday, but already £2,000 has been received by advance sales.

The tour will be the first by an overseas team to meet with financial success in New Zealand for 31 years.

The Auckland Football Association is confident that Saturday's receipts will top £2,500 if the day is fine.

The first Test was drawn 1-1. New Zealand won the second 7-4.—Reuter.

## Youths Of Singapore To Get £250 To Play Basketball

London, July 5.

Sir George Thomas, donor of the Thomas Cup for badminton and lifelong promoter of the game, is to give £250 to encourage the youths of Singapore to play another sport—basketball.

Sir George himself, a former British badminton and chess champion, landed here today from Singapore, where he attended the final stages of this year's Thomas Cup. He told reporters he had now decided to extend his interest in sport to basketball—second only in popularity to badminton in Malaya.

He had been "terribly impressed" by the great enthusiasm for sport shown by all sections of the community in Singapore during the Thomas Cup competition.

"I have come away with the strong desire to do more to develop this sporting spirit among the younger generation," he said.

**VERY CLOSE SECOND** "I have been thinking about this for the journey home and have decided to make a donation of £250 to Singapore to enlarge their interests in the field of basketball which seems to me to run a very close second to badminton as the national sport of Singapore and Malaya."

Sir George said: "I am asking those concerned to ensure that this money is used to encourage basketball among the boys and girls under the age of 19 and I hope too that they will ensure that all schools, no matter what section of the community they serve, should be encouraged to participate."

With the team selected, there is still the difficulty of getting down to Singapore, but we will just have to hope things turn out alright, and get on with the preparations.

**ESSEX WELL AHEAD** The Essex team continue to pile up their lead in NTACA Novices Competition with some very fine riding. Capt. Peter Philcox turned in one of his best-ever performances to take first place in the 25-mile TT held last Wednesday. The heat and strong wind proved too much for most of the participants, who returned their slowest times for weeks.

Burrows of the REME CC was the only rider capable of preventing the Essex boys from taking all the points in the event, the Essex supplying six of the first seven on the finish sheet, with Burrows in third place.

He said a cheque will be posted tomorrow.—China Mail Special.

## THE GAMBOLE



## Barry Appleby





LEAGUE  
TENNIS

Following are the results of League Tennis matches played yesterday:

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## BRITISH GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Frank Jowle Still In  
The Lead With A  
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St. Andrews, Scotland, July 5.

Frank Jowle, the Yorkshire-born Midlander, who was record-breaker in chief in yesterday's first qualifying round of the British Open Golf Championship, maintained his position at the head of the field today when he had a steady round of 72 on the Old Course.

The purpose of the qualifying rounds is to cut an original field of nearly 280 to the maximum of 100 allowed for the Championship proper.

Ninety-four players with aggregates of 148 or better qualified and a score of men at 149, who would have sent the total over the maximum of 100, had to be eliminated.

The field for the Championship proper includes American, South African, Australian, Argentinian, Spanish, Italian, Belgian and even an Egyptian, apart from home talent.

Today was comparatively dull. Early in the day Jowle supplemented his wonderful 63 with 72 for a total of 135, and he was never caught.

But Laurie Ayton, a British St. Andrews-born favourite, ran into second place only a stroke behind Jowle and was the only player to break 70 in both qualifying rounds.

## MAIN BATTLE

Peter Thomson, Australian holder, was one of a bunch of players at 139 and with him was Joe Conrad, American holder of the British Amateur title. All the other stars of note were safely through ready for the main battle starting on the Old Course tomorrow.

Best scores in the qualifying were:

135—Frank Jowle (Edgbaston, Britain) 63 New, 72 Old.

136—Laurie Ayton (Ipswich, Britain) 67 Old 69 New.

138—Harry Weetman (Croyham, Hurrey, Britain) 67 New, 71 Old.

139—Peter Thomson (Australia) 69 Old, 70 New.

140—Joe Conrad (United States) 67 New, 72 Old.

141—Clifford Astor (Little Aston, Britain) 65 New, 74 Old.

142—Flory Van Donck (Belgium) 69 New, 70 Old.

143—Johnny Fallon (Huddersfield, Britain) 73 Old, 66 New.

144—The Shanghai Foursomes played on July 23 being won by Mrs W. H. Gregg and Mrs M. Vaughan after a tie with Mrs C. Hurden and Miss G. Swallow.

The following is the draw for the Deen Water Bay Ladies' Foursomes.

Mrs Hunter and Mrs Harrison v Mrs McCann and Mrs Shoemaker; Mrs Pearce and Mrs Clague v Miss Swallow and Mrs Sowden-Jones; Mrs N. A. Brown and Mrs Collis v Mrs Wisley and Mrs Vaughan; Mrs Birrell and Mrs Backe v Mrs John Wai and Mrs J. C. Brown; Mrs W. Gray and Mrs Van der Touw v Mrs Coleman and Mrs Lindeman; Mrs Laroche and Mrs Anderson v Mrs Dawson-Grove and Mrs Goldman; Mrs Spranger and Mrs Gregg v Mrs Penn and Mrs Bell; Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kite v Mrs Lien and Mrs Liang.

The first round is to be played by July 22, the second by August 5. Semi-finals by August 19, and finals by September 2.

Children's Golf

Competitions for children on Summer holidays are again being organised by the Ladies' Section, the first is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 21. It is hoped to arrange competitions each Thursday morning until the close of the Season in September and children wishing information regarding these are asked to get in touch with Mrs W. F. Birrell (Tel. 2886).

It is in charge of children's golf at Deep Water Bay this year.

Bedes celebrated his 37th birthday yesterday, with a spell of three wickets for no runs against Kent, his victims including the England players Cowdrey and Evans—France-Prese.

The following will represent the KCC in the first match of the Liberation Shield series against KEGC on Sunday, at 3.45 pm, at Cox's Path:

R. Tsai, A. J. Matland, J. N. Wong, G. Mader (Skip); C. C. Ma, L. Bones, A. P. Pereira, D. Phillips (Skip); L. Naylor, B. Sequeira, E. Rhoads, T. E. Baker (Skip); W. Marshall, C. Thompson, W. J. Howard (Skip); G. Lee, A. C. Tibbitt, J. Duffield, M. J. Diverch, J. C. W. Lam, J. F. da Silva, D. C. Syme, J. E. Kermack (Skip); S. Y. Dot, C. S. Reid, A. M. Alves, W. Gaffney (Skip); J. Tang, S. Ramchand, C. I. Stapleton, W. Hong, Sling (Skip).

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This week it is our somewhat sad privilege to say "Good-bye and safe sailing" to the many talented sportsmen of 72 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery who leave the Colony today for the United Kingdom.

In the three years the regiment has been in Hong-kong it has built up a fine record of sporting achievements and at the same gathering a reputation for sportsmanship that is unsurpassed in Army circles.

The sporting activities of the unit have been wide and varied. They have taken part in almost every available competition and tournament and while individuals will no doubt look back with pleasure at their successes in boxing, athletics, football, cricket, hockey and sailing, it is the regiment which will believe the most pleasant memories from the progress of its grand rugby side.

Led by Captain Brentford they swept their way to the Land Forces Championship and although this year they were beaten in the FAIRFEL Final by our brilliant Fijian visitors, they nevertheless made many friends by their irreproachable and game display.

"Last year the Land Forces Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships went to 72 LAA when Signalmen Hooper and Gunner Cooley showed top class form on the courts."

SPORTING COMMUNITY

Comings and goings are an inevitable part of Service affairs and must be accepted as such. It has however been a great privilege for our sporting community to have the members of this fine regiment in our midst; their contribution to our pleasure has been sustained and spirited; their conduct at all times has been an example to those who believe in sport for sports sake.

I am sure I am voicing the wishes of Service and civilian sportsmen alike when I express appreciation of what the regiment has done in the last three years and wish those who compete in its name and in its colours the best of fortune in the future.

Army golfers continue to chase the "wee ball" to good purpose on the courses. Captain Morris and Major Huyshe both turned in commendable cards in the American Cup at Fanning at the week-end.

Major Boycott who has been a keen and active sportsman during his tenure in Hongkong took time out during the harrassing few days immediately before embarking for the UK to be the central figure in a pleasant little ceremony.

Over a quick drink at the KCC last night he was the recipient of a silver tankard from the Club members in appreciation of his many contributions to sport.

The position in the Inter-Service Small Bore League becomes more and more interesting as each succeeding round is completed, and competition for top position is now exceptionally keen.

6 COD who lead the League with 16 points and 14 Field Regiment, RA in third place with 14 points. Service only teams maintain a 100 per cent record. District Workshops REME 'A' who have lost one match out of 8 and HKCTU with one defeat in 7 matches are still very much interested in the premier prize.

The general standard of shooting is being well maintained and for team members returned possibilities during the eighth round and of those Cpl. Blackshaw, 2/7 Gurkha Rifles 'A' was hitting his second successive 100.

HOCKEY LEAGUE

The HKQF six-a-side Hockey League is now approaching its final stages and the present indications are that Ordinance are going to emerge as the 1955 Champions. At the moment they are equal points with REME Workshops, but have the advantage of two games in hand.

At the other end of the scale Camp, and A/Q Branch are having a neck and neck struggle to avoid finishing in the basement. Both teams have one point from eight games but Camp have by far the better goal average. The competition has been a most exciting and enjoyable one this season.

There was a big crowd at the China Fleet Club on Monday night to see the final of 'San Miguel Cup' being played off between the Orangewood Cricket Club and REME at the Evening Alley.

The enthusiasm of players and spectators alike was quite an eye-opener and there is no doubt at all that this game is really catching the fancy of many soldiers.

The final itself was thrilling and entertaining. Both teams put a bit into their play and the result was in doubt right up to the end. Scoring is a complicated business and the language

of the game is as attractive as it is unfamiliar to many.

When the shouting had died down and the tallies had been taken it was found that the more experienced CCC players had just pipped the Craftsmen to collect the main trophy and the individual miniatures that went with it. REME were not the victors however, and another silver cup now being the fine collection of trophies in their keeping.

The score was CCC 1,750-REME 1,705.

The soldiers were most appreciative of the efforts of Mr. Fanning, the manager of the China Fleet Club, in getting this match played so quickly for several of their players were due to leave the Colony today on the 'Empire Fowey'.

SPOT OF NEWS

While we are in the alley here is a spot of news for all soldiers who feel that they could knock down the 10 pins with the best of them. The China Fleet Club is sponsoring an Open Pairs Club being set aside for the tournament and another fine trophy is being offered.

If you fancy your chances drop a line to the Club Manager giving your name and that of your partner—and if you happen to have a telephone number include that also.

The entry list is now open and no entry fee is being charged. Three alloys are being set aside for the tournament and the starting date will be announced very soon.

and if you think it's easy go along and have a try—you'll be amazed how much there is to it.

Several times in this column I have commented upon the versatility of some sportsmen.

Roy Wells, who captained the Army soccer team a couple of seasons ago, was particularly good example as he regularly took part in many different sports.

Morris, the Army centre-forward, promises to establish a similar reputation for himself. Apart from his skill on the football field, Morris also showed late in the season that he was a cricketer of more than just ordinary ability, and now I hear that he has been selected to play for his unit in the water polo competition.

All-rounders of this kind are a great asset to a unit and there are probably many of them who for one reason or another never get their exploits recorded in print. If you know of any really active all-rounders drop me a line and let me know.

The following extract from a Scottish newspaper will make interesting reading for Army football followers: "A change of position has been all to the good for Ginger Higgins."



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# Israel Finishing Biggest Water Pipeline In The Middle East

By ERIC GOTTGETREU  
Associated Press Correspondent

Tel-Aviv, July 5.  
At one end of Israel the  
Yarkon River lazily flows  
into the Mediterranean.

At the other end the  
Negev desert remains un-  
productive because of lack  
of water.

But this imbalance will  
not endure much longer. A  
huge 66-inch pipeline—the  
biggest in the Middle East—  
is scheduled to go into  
operation this month. It will  
carry nearly half of the  
Yarkon's water 60 miles  
south to the Negev for ir-  
rigation. Instead of flowing  
into the sea, the Yarkon  
will help create farms, fields  
and plantations in the  
barren area east and north-  
east of Egyptian-held "Gaza  
Strip."

## THE PLANS

The technical plans for  
the project, as shown in  
detail on the accompanying  
map, were drafted by  
"Tahal," the Israel Govern-  
ment's Water Authority.

The network about ready  
for use is only the first  
stage of plans for the Yar-  
kon. In the second a pipe-  
line paralleling the one  
shown on the map will be  
built. It will carry both  
Yarkon water and chemically  
purified sewage water  
from Tel-Aviv.

The water directed to the  
south will make its journey  
through giant underground  
pipes manufactured in  
Israel. On its way it will be  
raised 650 to 800 feet to the  
elevation of the plateau in  
the south. Three pumping  
stations will do the lifting.  
At intervals, the water will  
be distributed through a  
network of smaller pipelines  
and channels.

About 75,000 acres of  
land will be irrigated with  
the Yarkon pipeline when  
both branches are in opera-  
tion. Since about 2½ acres  
of irrigable land are needed  
per farming family, this  
should be sufficient to main-  
tain 30,000 families. Part  
of the area served by the  
pipeline is now under ir-  
rigation, but only with very  
limited local ground water  
resources which in the  
future will be used primarily  
for domestic needs.

## INTEGRATION

The Yarkon pipeline is to  
be integrated later into the  
general Israel water pro-  
gramme devised by Tahal to  
expand the country's irri-  
gation system and increase its  
economic capacity, an in-  
crease demanded by the  
continuous growth in  
population. In 1948, when  
Israel was established, only  
57,500 acres were irrigated.  
By the end of this year, the  
irrigated area will reach  
almost 250,000 acres. In the  
next 10 years, during which  
additional large scale pro-  
jects will be carried out, the  
volume of water available  
will irrigate 750,000 acres,  
according to a Tahal expert.  
This will be in addition to  
covering the industrial and  
domestic needs of a popula-  
tion of about three million.  
(Israel's present population  
is 1,700,000.)

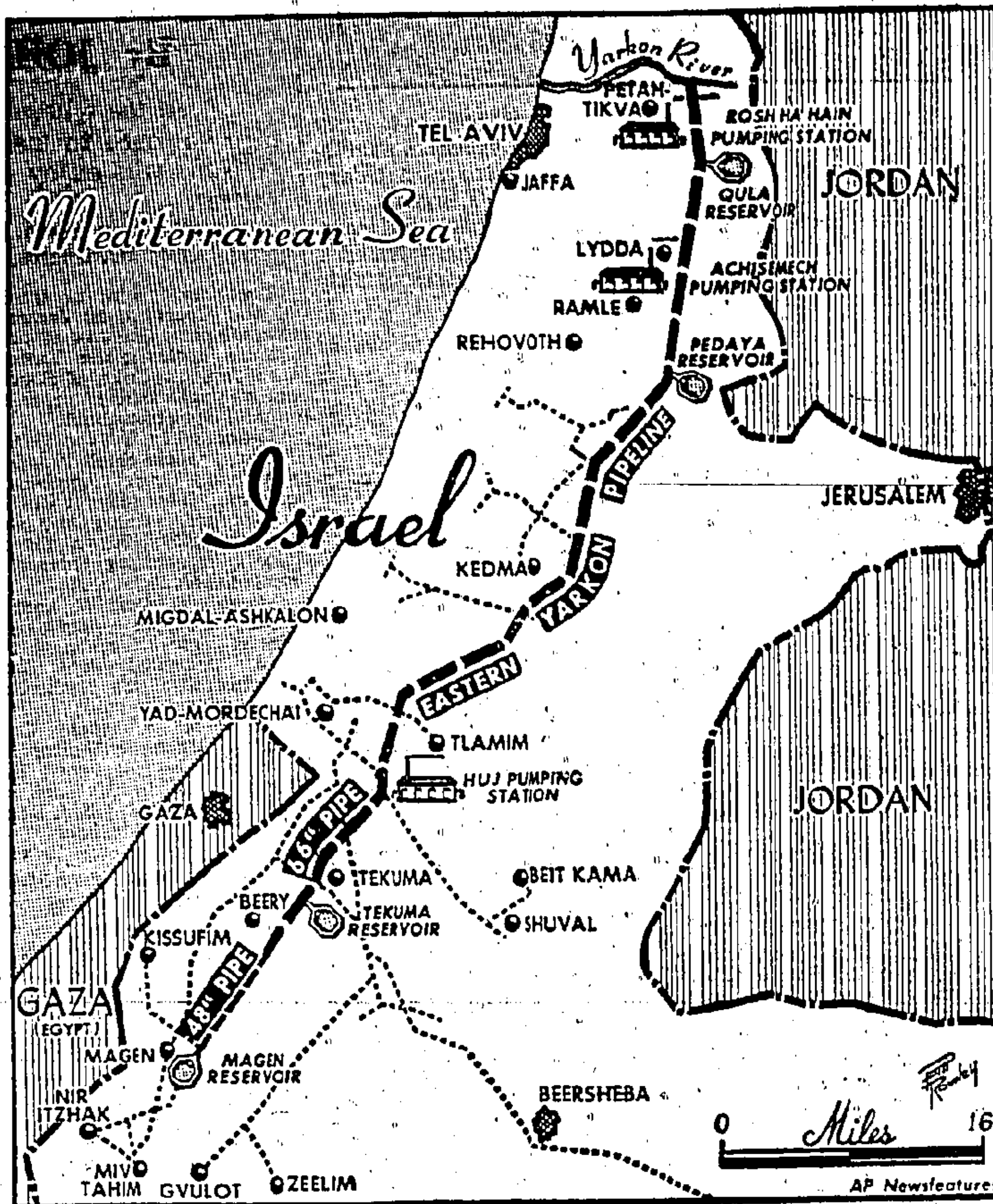
Tahal's water programme  
for the next decade com-  
prises—apart from the com-  
pletion of the Yarkon  
system—several projects in  
upper Galilee; in the Jezreel

## COPPER STRIKE STILL ON

Denver, July 5.  
The United States copper  
strike against three of America's  
largest copper producers  
entered the fifth day today with  
an estimated 22,000 members of  
the International Union of Mine,  
Mill and Smelter Workers in-  
volved.

The strike is spread over 12  
States and has immobilised 44  
per cent of the estimated 50,000  
labour force employed by the  
big four copper producers.

A union spokesman said he  
expected that talks on new wage  
and fringe benefits contract,  
suspended over the holiday  
weekend, would be resumed to-  
day. —China Mail Special.



Valley of the central Jordan  
basin; and finally the  
harnessing of the Jordan  
River itself.

This last project is  
weighted down with  
political complications and  
under discussion by  
President Eisenhower's  
special envoy, Eric Johnston,  
with both Israel and the  
Arab states.

## HANGING OF RUTH ELLIS

# Marlowe's Creator Disgusted

London, July 5.  
Mr Raymond Chandler, Ameri-  
can creator of the tough,  
laconic "private eye" detective  
character Philip Marlowe,  
said in a letter to the Evening  
Standard he was "tormented"  
and "disgusted" by the  
prospect of the execution on  
July 13 of Ruth Ellis, con-  
victed here recently of shoot-  
ing to death a former lover.

Mr Chandler, author of "The  
Big Sleep," "Lady in the  
Lake" and other mayhem-and-  
murder classics, wrote:

"As a part-time resident and  
full-time friend and admirer  
of England, I have always,  
until now, respected its legal  
system—as has most of the  
world. But there is at times  
a vein of savagery that repels  
me.

"I have been tormented for a  
week at the idea that a highly  
civilised people should put a  
rope around the neck of Ruth  
Ellis and drop her through a  
trap and break her neck. I  
could understand perhaps the  
hanging of a woman for a  
bestial crime like a multiple  
poisoning, and even murder (a  
la Lizzie Borden) or a baby-  
farm operator killing her  
charges, but this was a crime  
of passion under considerable  
provocation. No other coun-  
try in the world would hang  
this woman.

"In France she would get off  
with a light sentence or none,  
in America it would be first-  
or second-degree manslaughter  
and she would be out of  
prison in anywhere from three  
and a half to seven years.

"This thing haunts and, so far  
as I may say, it disgusts me  
as something obscene. I am  
not referring to the trial, of  
course, but to the medieval  
savagery of the law." —China  
Mail Special.

# Dollars May Rebuild Australian Railway System

Melbourne, July 5.

Australia's politicians are again toying with  
a 50-year-old dream of a unified railway system  
through Australia which American dollars might  
make a reality.

Mr William Wentworth, a Liberal member  
of the Federal House of Representatives, has  
reported on his return from the United States that  
the Export Import Bank in Washington or the  
International Bank would "certainly" make money  
available to standardise the chaotic Australian rail  
gauges.

Since isolation and independ-  
ent railway building policies in  
pre-Federation days of Aus-  
tralia led to a mixture of  
railway gauges which for years  
has brought inconvenience and  
expense to travellers and  
freighters.

On the run between Mel-  
bourne and Sydney, travellers  
must change trains at the  
border town of Albury where  
Victoria's 5ft 3in. tracks meet  
New South Wales standard or  
4ft. 8½in. railways.

Passengers have to walk along  
what seems to be the coldest  
and draughtiest station platform  
in Australia, carrying their  
hand luggage, and searching the  
line of strange cars for their  
seats for the rest of the journey.

## INCONVENIENCE

Inconvenience to passengers is  
great, while the bottleneck for  
freight is also a major difficulty  
to Australian economy and a  
still-greater drawback in plans  
for defence strategy.

Freight between Melbourne  
and Sydney must be man-  
handled twice at Albury, adding  
considerably to the ton costs.  
Modern methods have reduced  
the confusion, but the bottle-  
neck is ever there.

Adelaide and Melbourne are  
linked by a broad gauge line  
but on the long run between  
Adelaide and Perth passengers  
must change trains when the  
gauge becomes standard at Port

Augusta and again at Kalgoorlie  
on the Western Australian 5ft  
6in. narrow gauge.

The proposals for standardi-  
sation envisage bringing the major  
railways on to a 4ft. 8½in.  
system.

The first stage would be to  
join Fremantle, Perth's port and  
Sydney, by standard gauge  
tracks, through Broken Hill, the  
mining town inland from  
Adelaide. This would mean  
rebuilding two 600 mile  
stretches of line between  
Fremantle and Kalgoorlie and  
Port Augusta and Broken Hill.

Next, planners envisage alter-  
ing the comparatively short  
Adelaide-Port Augusta route to  
bring Adelaide on to the  
"national" network. The last  
part would be to narrow the  
broad gauges between Adelaide  
and Melbourne, and Melbourne  
and Albury, and to complete the  
standardisation of rail-  
ways between all mainland  
State capitals.

Rail standardisation means  
much more than just relaying  
tracks. It also means replacing  
or altering rolling stock and  
engines to fit the new lines and  
the rebuilding of all platform  
now off standard.

Much of Australia's rolling  
stock is old by world standards  
and a modernisation programme  
would work in well with a  
gauge alteration programme.

The proposals for standardi-  
sation of gauges comes at a time  
when railways are passing  
through a minor revolution. In  
this country and many engineers  
are putting into practice ideas  
which would have seemed  
idealistic before the war.

There is a growing tendency  
to replace steam equipment with  
diesel, and to secure more  
efficient running of many of the  
long distance lines.

For instance on the Adelaide  
to Perth run, diesels have re-  
duced the trip to 2½ days  
against the three full days which  
the journey once took. Air  
conditioned carriages have  
brought a new standard of com-  
fort to the ride.

So successful have the diesels  
proved that Commonwealth  
Railways, which operates the  
link, earned about £1,000,000  
above its operating costs last  
year. Most railways in Aus-  
tralia are operating on what  
seem to be perpetual deficits.

In New South Wales, speedy  
air-conditioned passenger trains  
with silent coaches are com-  
peting with airlines by offering  
standards of cleanliness and  
comfort which were almost un-  
heard of in pre-air travel days.

Railway men in all States are  
facing the competition of an  
ever-increasing road haulage  
business between the State  
capitals. Heavy trucks can offer  
speedy and comparatively  
favourable rates per ton, because  
they are not troubled by the  
loading and unloading at state  
borders.

Most experts agree that rail  
standardisation would bring  
snowballing benefits to Aus-  
tralia.

By eliminating delays and  
encouraging straight-through  
traffic, standardised tracks would  
cut transport costs at a time  
when Australian producers and  
manufacturers are looking for  
every possible means of adjust-  
ing themselves to stiffer world  
competition.

It would also bring Western  
Australia closer to the Eastern  
States in terms of time and  
money.

The most that has been  
accomplished so far is the  
accumulation of vast quantities  
of official reports from the  
numerous governmental investi-  
gating bodies set up during the  
past half century.

One newspaper correspondent  
commented: "Australia never  
had a better opportunity than  
now to make a bold attempt to  
unify her rail gauge system."  
—China Mail Special.

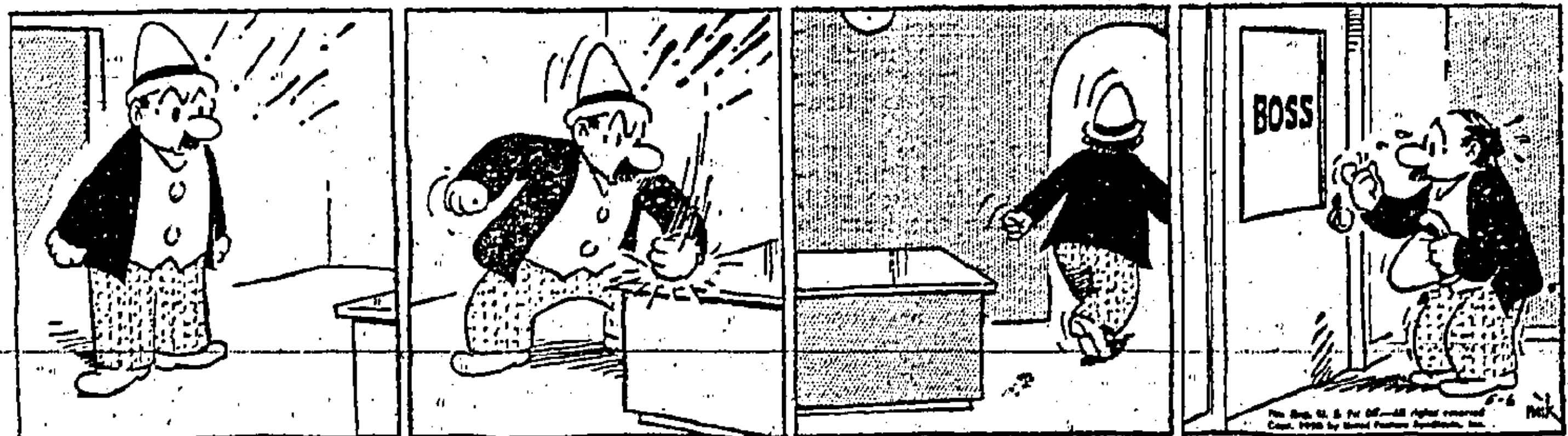
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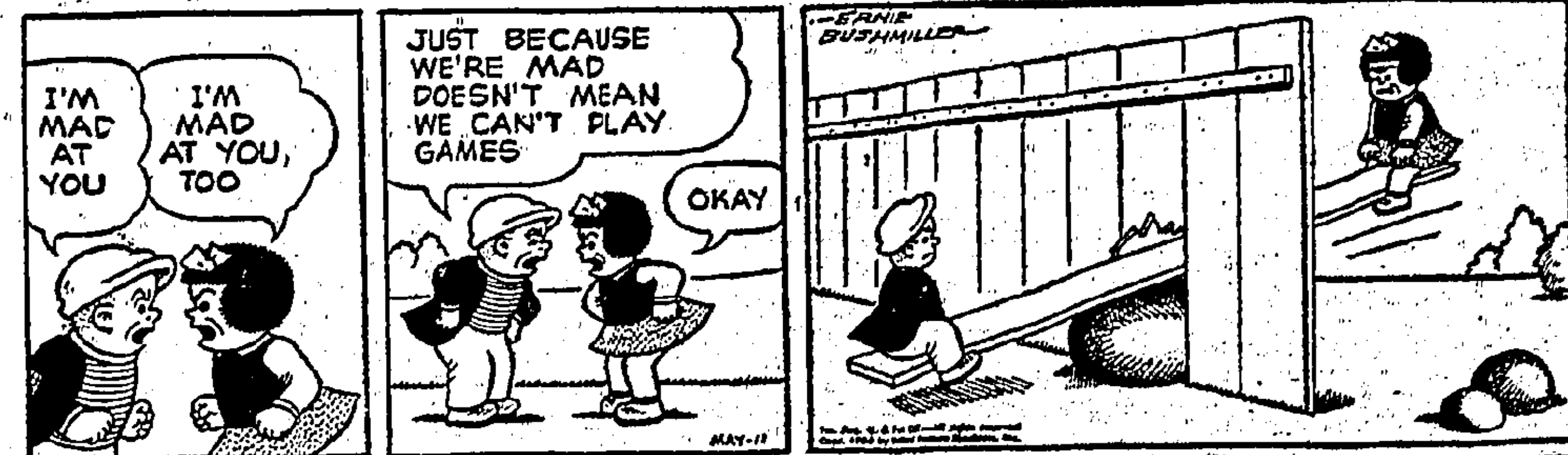
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